

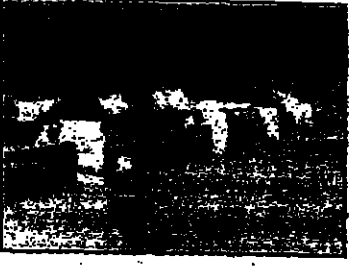
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Yassin's late arrival in Gaza stalls the celebrations

By STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NAJIB
Hamas spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin returned to Gaza last night, but was held up for several hours by Israeli authorities at the Rafiah crossing, forcing the welcome planned for him to be postponed until today.

Authority's General Intelligence Apparatus, and Mohammed Dahlan, head of the Preventive Security Apparatus in the Gaza Strip. The only PA leader to greet Yassin was Communications Minister Imad Falouji, a longtime Hamas member. Outside the Palestinian side of the terminal were Yassin's son and dozens of Hamas activists, including Hamas leaders Mahmoud Zahar, Ismail Abu Shanab,

and Ghazi Hamad. Palestinian sources said Israeli security officials held Yassin up for several hours. Yassin is said to have returned from his four-month tour with pledges of \$50 million from Arab and Islamic states, ostensibly for medical treatment. Yassin is believed to have already received \$10m-\$15m. "There's no question that we are deal-

ing with a greatly strengthened Palestinian figure," an Israeli security source said. "Not only was Yassin treated like a king during his tour, but he has plenty of money to distribute and win more adherents for Hamas." Zahar did not disagree. "He succeeded in actually bringing the Palestinian issue to the fore," he said. Palestinian sources said that Hindi and Dahlan arrived at the terminal to help

make sure that Yassin would be allowed to cross. They said the PA also made sure that his welcome remained low-key. PA-controlled media virtually ignored Yassin's return, which was not mentioned on most radio and television broadcasts yesterday. The PLO news agency Wafa also ignored the story. Yassin's house in Gaza was decorated with greetings, and Hamas activists said they would attempt to stage a celebration

at his home today. They said that the PA had banned any rallies to greet him. PA sources said that they don't expect Yassin to make any immediate attempts to challenge the authority of PA Chairman Yasser Arafat. They said that Yassin would likely be cautious and try to maintain a semblance of unity in Palestinian ranks during the current efforts to achieve a second pullback in the West Bank.

AGENDA

A letter of commitment

One of the requests raised by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu before the US administration in preparation for the redeployments, published here for the first time, is for US President Bill Clinton to issue a letter committing the US to diplomatic coordination between the two countries prior to the final-status talks with the Palestinians. This would be similar to the letter President Gerald Ford gave to prime minister Yitzhak Rabin in 1975, following the very significant withdrawals that were included in the interim agreement in Sinai and toward a possible arrangement on the Golan Heights. This request was recently presented to the latter cabinet as part of a package which would be a prerequisite for implementing the redeployment. The ministers' request to examine Ford's letter, has yet to be answered. For this reason, I made the effort to obtain a copy of the original version sent to Jerusalem on September 1, 1975, written on official White House letterhead and labeled "Secret." See AGENDA, Page 8



Soldiers exhume the bodies of Lebanese gunmen last night amid preparations for a swap for the remains of 3PO Itamar Ilya, killed in an abortive raid by naval commandos in Lebanon last September. (Avihu Shapiro/Israel Sun)

IDF begins exhuming bodies to be exchanged for Ilya's remains

By DAVID RUDGE

Work began last night on exhuming the bodies of 40 Lebanese gunmen from burial grounds in the North in preparation for an exchange under which the remains of naval commando 3PO Itamar Ilya will be returned to Israel. If there are no last-minute complications on the Lebanese side, the exchange is expected to take place tonight. According to reports, the remains of Ilya will be returned to Israel aboard a French aircraft. The bodies, including that of Hadi Nasrallah, son of Hizbullah leader

Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, will then be flown to Lebanon on the same plane. Tomorrow, after a positive identification of Ilya's remains, some 50 prisoners will be released from the El-Khiyam jail in the security zone and another 10 held in Israel. Muhsein Mukhdad, the Hizbullah man who was blinded and lost both arms and legs when a bomb he was preparing in a Jerusalem hotel exploded prematurely in 1996, is expected to be among those released. The deal does not include regional Hizbullah leader Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid and

Hizbullah-affiliated Believers Resistance head Mustafa Dirana, who are both being held in Israel. Suha Bashara, who has been held since her abortive attempt to assassinate South Lebanese Army commander Gen. Antoine Lahad, is also not being released. Negotiations over the exchange have been conducted through the auspices of the International Red Cross. France is reported to be acting as a guarantor for the deal. The prisoners to be released are expected to be taken by buses from the El-Khiyam jail to the Kfar Falus crossing point near Jezzine, where they will be handed over to

Red Cross representatives. Hizbullah announced at the beginning of the month that a deal had been finalized. It was apparently delayed because of internal disputes in Lebanon. Amal, which is said to be holding some of the remains, had demanded the release of some of its members. Reports from Lebanon on Tuesday said that Amal had removed its opposition and that the exchange would go ahead tomorrow. The exhumation of the bodies appeared to mark the first stage of the implementation of the deal that has taken over 10 months to finalize.

Comptroller: Localities ignore ecological hazards

Authorities lack information on drug users

By DAN IZENBERG and Rim

Seven of nine local authorities examined by State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat know nothing about the ecological hazards in their areas of jurisdiction and leave dangerous pollutants in garbage dumps instead of shipping them to the Ramat Hovav toxic waste site. This was one of the findings of a special State Comptroller's Report on local affairs released for publication yesterday. The comptroller also found that some of the cities paid private garbage contractors too much. One contractor returned NIS 292,000 to Hod Hasharon after the comptroller intervened. In the section dealing with drugs, Ben-Porat found that in most of the places investigated, the local authorities lacked information on the number and type of drug users in their communities. She said the local welfare departments are not prepared to

deal with teenage drug users. In one case cited by the comptroller, a 16-year-old girl committed suicide in jail after being caught trafficking in drugs. The girl had been in the custody of the welfare authorities and had told them she wanted to break the habit, but the authorities had failed to find an appropriate clinic for her. On another issue, the comptroller found that the Israel Lands Administration violated some of its own planning guidelines by building massive housing projects in new towns in the metropolitan Tel Aviv area without leaving open space between the blocks. She added that the housing program contradicted the population dispersion policy adopted by the National Planning Council. In another section, the comptroller wrote that in most cases involving contracts between 15 local authorities and outside debt collectors and 16 local authorities and external auditors, the authorities had failed to issue a tender

before choosing the contractor. In 90 percent of the cases involving the accountants and 40% of those involving the debt collectors, the association with the locality lasted many years. In most cases the work was not periodically reviewed. In response, Adi Eldar, chairman of the Union of Local Authorities, wrote that many of the problems involving contracts between the local authorities and the debt collectors and accountants had been remedied and others would be remedied soon. He added that according to a legal opinion from 1995-96, the local authorities were not obliged to issue a tender for these services. In 1996, the courts rejected the opinion. Eldar said the drug issue was the sole responsibility of the government. Only the government had the financial resources and only the Authority for the War Against Drugs, which belongs to the Prime Minister's Office, had the expertise to combat the drug scourge, he said.

Bibi, Gamliel get 'angry' with Neeman

By HAIM SHAPIRO

With tension running high between the religious parties and Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman over the conversion bill, a meeting yesterday between Neeman and the two deputy religious affairs ministers over budgetary concerns took on what the Religious Affairs Ministry spokesman described as "angry tones." The meeting with Deputy Minister Arye Gamliel and Deputy Minister Yigal Bibi was over some NIS 60 million which the ministry says the Treasury has failed to transfer to yeshivot. Gamliel and Bibi were particularly bitter, because the ministry had been forced to carry out a detailed check of the yeshivot to ensure that the students listed were actually studying in the institutions. "There is only one other place where each individual is checked against his identity card and that is at the crossing point from Gaza," Gamliel told Neeman. Neeman said the Treasury would respond within a week.

PM pushing hard for referendum

By NICHAL YUDELMAN

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu yesterday made intensive efforts, including via a telephone marathon, to muster support for a referendum, accusing those who oppose it with wanting to harm the government. By last night, however, the number of coalition MKs, including many in the Likud, who oppose the referendum was estimated at 48, while only 15 were in favor or had not yet decided. Netanyahu called a meeting of coalition party leaders, putting his whole weight behind a referendum. He told them he could hold a referendum two months after a decision is made. He said the referendum is a tool intended to help the government, and would help bridge the differences among the population. Political sources said that Netanyahu intends to announce the planned referendum today, if he is assured of sufficient support. Those objecting to the proposal include Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan (Tsonett), Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai (Likud), coalition whip Meir Sheetrit (Likud), Shas, Gesher, five of the seven Yisrael Ba'aliya MKs, United Torah Judaism, Moledet, and two of The Third Way's four MKs. The objectors said their main reason is not knowing whether Netanyahu wants the referendum to advance the peace process or as a means to delay a pullback decision. Shas leader Aryeh Deri said his party tends to object to a referendum, fearing it would set a precedent for issues of state and religion. "Tomorrow someone will get up and say they want a referendum to separate state from religion. Every month it will be something else. What's the Knesset for? We have a principled stand that the government and Knesset should reach a decision [on the pullout]. This is what they were elected for," Deri said. "In any case, a referendum

should not come instead of a decision. If there's any place for a referendum, it's only to prevent a rift in the nation and help reach unity. "If we are convinced it would not delay the pullout and contribute to unity, then we'll support it." Deri said Shas will not demand any political benefits in exchange for its support. The AP adds: In Washington, the US State Department urged Israel again yesterday to approve a US proposal for turning over 13 percent of the West Bank to the Palestinian Authority and said a referendum may not be a good idea if it adds to the delay. "If it involves significant delay

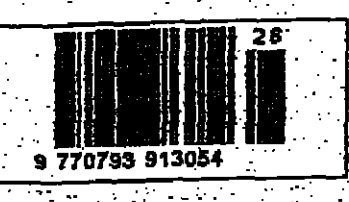
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of any breakthrough, that would be of concern to us," a statement said. "Our emphasis remains on the need for rapid progress to reach agreement on implementing the further redeployments." State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said. He tempered the statement, though, by saying it was up to Israel to decide what to do, and that it was "not obvious" that a referendum would produce delay in reaching an agreement and reopening negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. By some accounts, a referendum would delay a withdrawal for at least two months because parliament would have to pass special legislation first. Arafat is urging the administration to step up pressure on Israel. In a letter to Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat called for public disclosure of the US withdrawal plan. But Rubin said "it wouldn't be helpful at this time to take that step. And so we're not going to do so."

Clinton departs for China with slap at Beijing

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - US President Bill Clinton began his journey to China yesterday with a calculated slap at the Chinese government, giving an interview to US-based journalists whom Beijing excluded from covering his visit. "I think [the Chinese] made a mistake," Clinton told reporters at the White House. "Before I leave... I am going to do an interview with the Radio Free Asia correspondents to send a clear signal that we don't believe ideas need visas and that we support freedom of the press in our country." The White House strongly protested at China's decision to withdraw visas from the three journalists, who work for a US-government-funded group that broadcasts into China against

Beijing's wishes. The Chinese government told the US embassy in Beijing overnight that it would not reverse the decision, giving no reasons for its stance. White House spokesman Joe Lockhart told reporters. The disagreement threatened to cast a pall over the start of Clinton's visit to China, the first by a US president since the Chinese government's massacre of pro-democracy demonstrators in Beijing's Tiananmen Square on June 4, 1989. Clinton said he hoped the flap would not make it harder for him to negotiate agreements with China on issues ranging from not aiming nuclear missiles at each other to opening Chinese markets further to US goods.



NEWS

in brief

Netanyahu, Shahak meet

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin Shahak met yesterday for a working meeting after a months-long break in relations. Netanyahu initiated the meeting following leaks to the press of Shahak's anger over the way the prime minister silenced him at last week's cabinet meeting and later said he was touching upon a political matter. But Shahak disputed this, saying he was giving a military intelligence assessment. A statement released by the government said that the two men spoke of various work and other issues. "All disagreements between them were settled in the conversation," the statement said. *Arieh O'Sullivan*

PM battles to keep UTJ in coalition

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu met Deputy Housing Minister Meir Porush and MK Moshe Gafni of United Torah Judaism yesterday, in another effort to prevent the withdrawal of UTJ's four MKs from the coalition.

Netanyahu promised a budget to build hundreds of rental apartments for hard-core families, to appoint a new Antiquities Authority council which would be more sensitive to desecrating graves, and to tighten the supervision on businesses operating on the Sabbath. He also agreed to increase financial support for yeshiva students and hard-core institutions and link it to the cost-of-living index. But he said he could not promise the conversion bill will pass. UTJ's Council of Torah Sages is to meet on Sunday to decide whether to carry out its threat to quit the coalition. *Michal Yudelman*

Egypt to recognize a Palestinian state next year

Egypt will recognize an independent Palestinian state once Yasser Arafat declares it next year, Foreign Minister Amr Moussa was quoted as saying yesterday.

"Under no circumstances should the Palestinians be deprived of their legitimate right to declare their state," Moussa said in an interview with the government-run weekly *Al-Mussawwar*.

"We are in the forefront of those who support a Palestinian state... and President [Hosni] Mubarak himself will declare our position at that time," he said. Arafat has threatened to declare Palestinian statehood in May 1999, at the end of the five-year interim period of Palestinian autonomy. *AP*

Boy presumed drowned at Kiryat Yam beach

Navy divers and police searched the waters off Kiryat Yam yesterday for Solomon Rafaelev, 8, who disappeared Tuesday while swimming.

Police said yesterday they fear for the boy's life. Channels 1 and 2 said last night that the boy is presumed drowned.

He had gone into the water with a neighbor, who had also brought her five-year-old grandson. When she saw how rough the sea was, she decided to take the boys out of the water. She succeeded in pulling her grandson out, but when she looked for Rafaelev, he had been pulled out to sea. *Itim*

US demands Iraq apologize for slurring Indyk

The United States yesterday demanded a formal apology from Iraq for referring to US Assistant Secretary of State Martin Indyk as a "known Jew and Zionist." The remark was made in a letter by Iraqi Foreign Minister Mohammed Sahhaf to the Security Council on Monday, complaining about Indyk's comments at a seminar in Washington this month that the US plans to help political opponents of President Saddam Hussein's "brutality and war crimes." Sahhaf said the statements by "Indyk, who is a known Jew and Zionist, are simply an official and documented reaffirmation of the enmity of the United States administration toward Iraq." *AP*

IAF reveals mission of Israeli astronauts

The two Israeli astronauts in training, Col. Ilan Ramon and Lt.-Col. Yitzhak Mayo, will be testing ways to eliminate disturbances in space which affect photographs of the earth, the air force said yesterday.

The pair started astronaut training on June 6. Both are training for a future NASA space flight. The IAF does not like to reveal the identities of its pilots, who are usually filmed either from behind or with their helmets on. But the IAF's hand was forced this week when NASA unveiled the name of Ramon and his backup Mayo. *Arieh O'Sullivan*

Norway want ex-Mossad agent for 1973 murder

OSLO (AP) — A quarter-century after the Mossad killed the wrong man in a botched assassination, Norway has issued an arrest warrant for a retired Israeli agent suspected in the murder.

On July 21, 1973, Moroccan waiter Ahmed Bouchikhi was shot and killed as he returned from the movies with his pregnant Norwegian wife in the town of Lillehammer.

A small team of Israeli hit men apparently mistook Bouchikhi for Hassan Salameh, a PLO intelligence chief suspected of masterminding the killing of 11 Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics. Five men identified as Mossad agents served brief prison terms for murder and were then pardoned.

However, Norway has long sus-

pected that the mastermind of the killing was a top Mossad agent named Mike Harari, who was never charged.

Public prosecutor Lasse Qvigstad said yesterday that Norway is seeking the arrest of Harari, now 71 and retired, through Interpol on charges of being an accessory to murder.

"We will ask that he be sought internationally as someone who is suspected in the Lillehammer murder 25 years ago," Qvigstad said. "There is reason to suspect him and the statute of limitation was about to run out."

A 25-year statute of limitations on the crime expires in less than a month. By charging Harari now, prosecutors extended the time limit by another 25 years under Norwegian law.

Israel threatens to cut cooperation with UN if Palestinians upgraded

By HERB KEINON

Israel would retaliate against a UN decision to upgrade the status of the PLO by cutting back on cooperation with UN bodies interested in becoming more involved in the Middle East, a senior Foreign Ministry official warned yesterday.

The official said the Palestinian move to upgrade its UN status is a violation of the "spirit of Oslo,"

since the accords state that neither side should take dramatic unilateral actions that alter the status quo prior to a final-status agreement.

Although Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said the resolution would "severely damage the peace process" if passed, the Foreign Ministry official did not say what action Israel would take against the Palestinian Authority.

A debate in the General Assembly on the proposal was

scheduled for Friday, but has been postponed. Israel has been lobbying intensely against the move.

US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright called PA Chairman Yasser Arafat on Tuesday and discussed the issue. Netanyahu also spoke with British Prime Minister Tony Blair about the matter.

The Foreign Ministry official said the Palestinians are interested in the upgrade because it will provide them with the status of a

state minus, and enhance their position in the international community.

Such a move, he said, would not only have symbolic consequences, but tangible ones, since the Palestinians would be able to draft resolutions and participate in all debates on the Middle East.

Their ability to maneuver against us at the UN will be radically enhanced," the official said. Yitzhak Lior, the Foreign

Ministry's deputy director-general for international organizations, noted that since Israel has been boxed out of regional groupings at the UN, it can never dream of full representation on the Security Council or other prestigious UN bodies.

An enhanced status for the Palestinian delegation could paradoxically give "Palestine" more clout at the UN than Israel, he said.

Arafat to name new cabinet within two weeks

By STEVE RODAN

Palestinian Authority chief Yasser Arafat has pledged to appoint a new cabinet within the next two weeks, winning yet another delay in a proposed no-confidence motion by the Palestinian Legislative Council.

In a letter Arafat sent to the PLC yesterday, he said that he has accepted the resignation of the cur-

rent cabinet and that he needs additional time for consultations before appointing new state ministers.

Arafat has been holding nearly daily meetings with Palestinian opposition factions in an attempt to obtain their consent to join the PA. So far, no major opposition group has agreed.

The PLC was scheduled to vote today on a no-confidence motion against Arafat's cabinet unless the

PA chief replaced all of his ministers. This was the second deadline set by the PLC.

But Arafat won another delay. Palestinian sources said Arafat first recruited the Fatah majority in the PLC to block any no-confidence motion. Then he sent his letter to PLC speaker Ahmed Qurei.

PLC member and cabinet minister Saeb Erekat said after Arafat names a new cabinet he will sub-

mit it to a vote of confidence in the PLC. He said outgoing ministers would act as caretakers until a new cabinet is named.

Since its election in 1996, the 88-member council has grown increasingly frustrated over suspected corruption and waste. Members have also complained that Arafat has failed to ratify key legislation passed by the council, including a Basic Law or constitu-

tion. At their session yesterday, the PLC discussed a bill that would guarantee an independent Palestinian judiciary.

PLC member Ziad Abu Amr, an independent, said he doubted Arafat would make radical changes in the cabinet.

He said that if the PLC is convinced that Arafat does not intend to institute reforms it might not ratify the new cabinet.

Air force chief puts in plug for more money

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Citing increasing budgetary restraints, OC Air Force Maj.-Gen. Eitan Ben-Eliyahu said the IAF faces growing difficulty in confronting the steadily mounting threats against the country.

He said Israel is being threatened by an expanding array of weapons of mass destruction and it is the air force which must spearhead the defense against them.

"There is more and more advanced equipment in the region, including fighter planes, attack helicopters, and other systems which support the ground and air battlefield," said Ben-Eliyahu. "But above all, there is the new threat of more and more ballistic missiles in the region, including massive destructive warheads."

But budgetary restraints are preventing the IAF from acting as it wishes to meet these threats, he said. "We are operating with a relatively low budget, a budget which is making it difficult for us in a number of areas like maintenance, flight hours, and research and development for the future. In all of these areas there is a great budgetary burden," Ben-Eliyahu said.

The challenge, he said, is to deal with these financial shortcomings without harming IAF readiness. The IAF must upgrade and renovate its transport aircraft as well as its training jets.

So far this year, eight of 25 advanced F-15I jets have arrived, as well as a number of Black Hawk helicopters. But Ben-Eliyahu said budget cuts might force the IAF to ground some jets.

He told military reporters that the increased number of air strikes in Lebanon is due to the increased level of terrorist activity and not part of a new policy.

"The response that we are giving is parallel to the rate of activities which come from the other side. Unfortunately, the terrorists have been more and more active in the past six months, so we have no other choice but to react."

"We don't have any new policy... What we do is what we have done before," he said. "But one can say we do it better."

Next week the IAF will hold events to mark its jubilee. In Tel Aviv, all former heads of the IAF as well as commanders of various air forces from around the world will gather for a symposium on air power.



An officer of the Irish UNIFIL contingent shows European Union special envoy to the Middle East Miguel Moratinos points of interest at Tibnine village in Lebanon yesterday.

EU envoy visits UNIFIL headquarter

By DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

European Union peace envoy Miguel Moratinos made his first visit to UNIFIL yesterday as part of his latest diplomatic shuttle in the region.

Officially, Moratinos has announced that he wants to learn more about the force that was established in 1978 in the aftermath of the Litani Operation. He met with the force commander and senior officials of the peacekeeping force and asked about UNIFIL's role and the current situation in South Lebanon.

Reports in the region said there was some shooting towards an IDF position in the west-

ern sector of the security zone around the time that Moratinos flew over the area in a helicopter en route from Beirut to UNIFIL's headquarters in Nakora.

Other reports said the IDF shelled suspected terrorist infiltration trails near a UN peacekeepers' base he was visiting.

Moratinos was in no danger when about a dozen 155mm shells fired by Israeli artillery crashed in the Wadi Sluki and Majdal Sillim front-line areas. Moratinos was in Tibnine, some 2 kilometers to the northeast, where Irish peacekeepers have their battalion headquarters.

After talks in Beirut with Lebanese Foreign Minister Faris Bouez, Moratinos said he

thought the US was placing increased emphasis in its Middle East peacemaking effort the Syrian-Lebanese track with Israel.

Moratinos is due to meet Lebanese Minister Rafik Hariri today.

Moratinos also met with UNIFIL's commander, Fijian Maj.-Gen. Jojo Konrote, in N yesterday.

Meanwhile, residents in the eastern sector south Lebanon staged demonstrations today against the Norwegian government's plan to pull most of its troops out of UN Norway, one of the first countries to troops to UNIFIL, wants to pull out 400 600 soldiers.

Weizman warns of Syrian threat

By STEVE RODAN

Despite Iran's ambitious military programs, Syria remains the chief military threat to the country, President Ezer Weizman warned last night.

"The Syrian threat is much closer than that of Iran or Iraq," Weizman said during the awarding of the Israel Defense Prize at Beit Hanassi. "It has many missiles and they have high accuracy. I hope the Arrow [missile defense system] will provide an answer to this."

He urged defense officials to

look ahead to the military threats facing Israel during the next decade. But he said Iran does not yet have long-range missiles that can threaten Israel.

The prize was awarded to three projects, chosen out of 18 submitted to a four-man committee headed by former defense minister Moshe Arens.

Two of the prizes were awarded to classified projects. The other was awarded to a team of engineers from Israel Military Industries and defense units of the government for the development of 120 mm shells

for the Merkava 3 tank.

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Foreign Ministry: Referendum doesn't contradict Oslo

By DAN IZENBERG, HERB KENON, and LIAT COLLINS

The Foreign Ministry issued a statement yesterday denying press reports that its legal adviser, Alan Baker, said a referendum is a contradiction to the Oslo Accords.

"It is clear that the State of Israel has every right to determine for itself the internal process by which it implements the Oslo Accords," the statement read. "The legal adviser noted in this context that a decision to subordinate implementation of the agreement to results of a referendum is liable - if the results are negative - to lead to charges of non-implementation of the agreement."

The spokesman said it is the "duty" of Foreign Ministry staff to "express their views independently, and according to their best professional opinion on all matters relating to Israel's foreign relations."

During yesterday's meeting to discuss the guidelines for referendum campaigning, Baker denied reports he had said Israel is barred from holding a referendum by the Oslo Accords. "The government has the right to decide how it will implement the agreement," he said. "A public referendum would not

in itself stand in violation of the agreements between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. It is an internal Israeli affair, which is not part of its relations with the PA," said senior adviser to the attorney-general Noam Solberg. He was responding to a letter by Knesset Law Committee chairman Hanan Porat (National Religious Party) asking for clarification of Baker's remarks.

Solberg said that, in accordance with accepted international practice, Israel is obliged to carry out all statutory and other steps necessary to implement the agreement.

Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon yesterday met with Knesset legal advisers on the legislative aspects of a possible referendum, either binding or advisory. On Monday, the advisers are to present their findings to Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, Communications Minister Limor Livnat, the deputy speakers, Porat, and Central Elections Committee director Tamar Edri. Shlomo Guberman, the former deputy attorney-general who led a team to prepare a draft referendum law in 1995, has also been invited.

MK Michael Kleiner (Gesher), head of the Land of Israel Front, sent a letter to the prime minister asking him to include members of

his lobby in discussions of the referendum proposal.

Hanegbi told reporters after yesterday's meeting that there would be no special restrictions on extra-parliamentary campaigning before the referendum. However, he said the government would prevent any private group from monopolizing the one-week campaign by spending massive amounts of money.

Hanegbi said the attorney-general had ruled that ministers would be able to campaign as individuals on either side of the referendum issue. The government, as a collective, would not campaign.

According to Hanegbi, the state will not subsidize the campaigns of the political parties, which are to be allotted broadcast time as in national elections. The government will also consider campaigning on cable television. Participants at the meeting also suggested that the referendum question appear in Hebrew, Arabic, Russian, and Amharic.

Before the meeting, Hanegbi noted on Israel Radio that existing regulations for campaign propaganda contain no provisions for a referendum. "We have to create something out of nothing," he said.



Saying no to violence

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani (left) tells Israel Medical Association chairman Dr. Yoram Blachar yesterday that police officers should be posted in emergency rooms, large health fund clinics, and delivery rooms - if medical institutions foot the bill. The two decided to appoint a panel to propose ways to reduce increasing violence against medical staffers and are to meet again in two months to set down policies to improve security.

(Text: Judy Siegel; Photo: Isaac Harari)

Poll results shock politicians

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

An opinion poll indicating a majority of Jews would exclude Arabs from the referendum yesterday shocked parliamentarians from both the Left and Right of the political spectrum.

Among the 51.7 percent of Jews who believe only Jews should vote in a referendum on issues of peace and security, 52% described themselves as right wing and 41% as belonging to the "peace camp."

"Anyone who tries to exclude Israel's Arab citizens from the state's democratic framework is a racist, no matter how he defines himself," right- or left-wing, Meretz leader Yossi Sarid told Israel Radio.

Sarid said he does not believe anyone in government would seriously consider disqualifying the Arab citizens, "not even Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, not even Hanan Porat (of the National Religious Party). But if to our shock and disgrace someone does, hundreds of thousands, perhaps even millions of Jews won't take part in the referendum. We'll boycott it."

MK Ze'ev (Benny) Begin (Likud) also viewed the results grimly, noting they are dangerous. However, he said the seeds of

racism came from Labor, whose government first coined the slogan "a Jewish majority."

"I noticed years ago there are grave racist expressions in Israel. This is very bad and, regrettably, stupidity is distributed among all the camps in the nation," Begin told Israel Radio.

Salem Jubran, an author and lecturer in the Givat Haviva Jewish-Arab Peace Center, wondered in an Israel Radio interview how the Jewish people, after all it has been through, could think this way.

"Had a radical politician

announced Arabs may not take part, I'd despise him. When a survey shows more than 50% of the adult Jewish public thinks like that, I feel terrified, insulted, and angry. Is it possible, a nation which suffered more than any other nation, now that it's sovereign and a majority in the state, could practice antisemitism toward the minority within it?"

David Rudge adds:

Abraham Nimr Hussein, chairman of the Israeli Arab leadership's monitoring committee, stressed that Israeli Arabs are an integral

part of society and have the right and obligation to participate in any democratic vote that affects their future and that of the country.

He said that the results are also a reflection on the "dangerous state" of Israel's democracy.

"If these are the true results, they are very disturbing," said Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav, who is responsible for Arab affairs. "Israeli Arabs are equal citizens and it is inconceivable that they be denied the elementary right to participate in any democratic process."

Survey: 41% of left-wingers would deny non-Jewish citizens a referendum vote

Results of an opinion poll released yesterday showed that 41% of left-wing supporters believe that the country's non-Jewish citizens should be ineligible to vote in a referendum about a West Bank pullout.

The survey, commissioned by Israel Radio and conducted by Shvachim Panorama on Tuesday, found that 52% of those who support right-wing parties said they favored depriving non-Jews of a say in a pullback referendum.

The poll also showed broad overall public support for the proposed referendum, at 62.3%. A sample population of 500 was questioned, with a margin of error of 4%.

Greater support was shown by right-wingers, 77%

of whom said they favor holding a referendum, while among left-wingers, 50.5% objected to holding a referendum. In addition, 65.1% said that any referendum decision should require a two-thirds majority.

Some 57% were found to support the projected pullback while 32.9% were opposed.

At the same time, 55.3% felt that the referendum was proposed mainly as a delay tactic in negotiations, and 55% said they don't expect that the vote would ever be held.

A majority of Jewish respondents - 51.7% - were found to believe that only Jewish citizens should be entitled to vote if a referendum is held about issues of peace and security.

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Settlers to vote next week on whether to topple gov't

By MARGOT DUDKEWITZ

The board of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza will hold an emergency meeting early next week, possibly at the tent city outside the Prime Minister's Office, to vote on whether to topple the government or continue supporting it.

While some members say they prefer to topple the government and oppose further West Bank withdrawals at all cost, others say the withdrawal is already a fait accompli and all that's left is to demand that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu minimize the damage.

"We demand that Netanyahu insist on Palestinian compliance in a step-by-step fashion. When the Palestinians prove their commitment and implement each demand, then Israel can agree to step-by-step concessions," said council spokeswoman Yehudit Tayar. "It is inconceivable that Israel is forced to hand over land without the Palestinians implementing the commitments stipulated in the Hebron and Oslo

agreements." Meanwhile at the tent city, the settlers said they are frustrated, but hope their continued presence will make Netanyahu and other ministers uncomfortable. "We are here to remind the government that we support it, but are concerned over our security," one said.

Tayar said groups would hold protest gatherings outside ministers' homes.

Matot Ha'irim, organized demonstrations opposing deployment at 21 highway intersections throughout the country yesterday.

The campaign of flights over the West Bank, sponsored by the

council to show National Religious Party and Likud members what effect a withdrawal would have on communities in Judea and Samaria stops at the end of the week. Over the past weeks, some 1,300 party members participated in the flights.

David Bar-Ilan, director of policy planning and communications in the Prime Minister's Office, said that Netanyahu has always insisted that he will not accept any plan that endangers Jewish communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza or the people who live there. Sources in the Prime Minister's Office said that it is possible that Netanyahu will send a delegate to meet with the settlers.

Sperm-theft ban passes first reading

The Knesset voted on a series of bills yesterday.

Among the bills which passed on a preliminary reading were:

- A bill by MK Eliezer Zandberg (Tsomet) under which a woman who allegedly "steals sperm" by misleading a man about having used contraceptive measures could face civil charges by the unwitting father.

- A bill which would delay implementation of the new law on foreign adoptions to allow time for at least two of the non-profit associations meant to act as adoption agencies to get organized.

- A bill by MK Anna Masor (Meretz) which would anchor the Children's Rights Charter in law.

- A bill by MK Ophir Pines (Labor) which would abolish the rules of sub judice banning publication of a "man's" being discussed in court.

The Knesset failed to pass a bill by Maor which would allow it to revert to the former situation under which a 100% confidence motion would require only a regular majority to pass and not the support of at least 61 MKs as is currently necessary.

Among those passed into law (on a third reading) were:

- A bill by Geshar's Michael Kleiner and Tsomet's Eliezer Zandberg under which

parties which are part of a combined Knesset list such as Tsomet, Gesher and the Likud and Shinui and Meretz can run separately and receive separate funds in municipal elections.

Zandberg said he hopes this is Tsomet's first step toward splitting from the Likud.

Bill to regulate car mechanics

No one is safe from fraudulent car mechanics. Even Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon admitted yesterday in a meeting of the Knesset Public Complaints Committee that his driver was told that his car radiator had been changed and was charged accordingly, while later it turned out that the old one was still in place.

The committee, chaired by MK Rafi Elul (Labor), found that among the most common complaints against the mechanics, are being tricked into paying for work that was either unnecessary or that was never even done.

There are 4,800 licensed garages in the country, 700 are linked to specific importers and specialize in certain makes.

An estimated 180 garages operating illegally.

Elul said he was planning to introduce a bill to require certain training and increase supervision over mechanics.

AT THE KNESSET

Hotel boats

Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav said yesterday that if the number of tourists in the year 2000 passes the 4.5 million mark, the ministry is considering contingency plans to increase the amount of hotel space such as floating hotel boats in the country's ports and harbors.

Katsav was answering a parliamentary question by MK Gideon Ezra (Likud).

No recess

MK Naomi Chazan (Meretz) has submitted a bill not likely to make her popular with other politicians or parliamentary reporters: She wants Knesset recesses to be cut.

The spring and summer recesses total almost four months, which Chazan said should be cut to two and a half. Chazan said it is not proper for there to be such long breaks in legislative work and government monitoring.

Watch towers

There are plans to build five watch towers in the area of the Mount of Olives cemetery, Education and Culture Minister Yitzhak Levy said yesterday. Levy, who also holds the Religious Affairs portfolio, was answering parliamentary question by Yitzhak Cohen (Shas).

Levy said under the plan, the watchtowers would be staffed around the clock and patrol cars would also be used. The plan, however, has been delayed for lack of budget.

The police have caught in stake-outs several gangs of hooligans at the cemetery, Levy said.

Spreading polygamy

Twenty percent of Beduin women and children in the Negev live in polygamous families, according to MK Tamar Gozansky (Hadash), who chairs a Knesset subcommittee on the status of Women in the Arab sector. She said that polygamy is also on the rise among Galilee Arabs.

Gozansky also noted that a survey showed that 86% of "second" wives had no education at all compared to 31% of "first" wives.

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Consensus

The idea to hold a national referendum on the second redeployment started as a "joke" and according to all the signs it will remain one," writes Yehudit Aharonov's Shimon Schiffer, who represents the majority of commentators' opinions that cast doubt on the seriousness of the proposal.

There were a few other experimental balloons that have been forgotten at the same rate as they were proposed. It wouldn't be risky to bet that the national referendum is not the last of them," he adds.

Ha'aretz's Yossi Verter states that the only outcome of such a step would be a postponement of the redeployment two to three months.

Verter adds that the implementation of a referendum "mocks the whole of Israeli history, as if the decisions of its leaders were insignificant, simply a formal act, until [Prime Minister Benjamin] Netanyahu arrived."

Ma'ariv's Abraham Tirosh argues that a referendum will not create a new political situation.

If a referendum only gets us "to the same spot where we are today, do we need to waste tens of mil-

lions of shekels?" he asks.

Deri immune

The Knesset House Committee's decision to reject Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein's request to remove the immunity of MK Aryeh Deri, who is accused of illegally funneling Interior Ministry funds to Shas institutions, reflects "political decay," claims Ma'ariv's Moshe Negbi.

He adds that this behavior indicates that the MKs want to deter Rubinstein from pressing similar charges against others who did or will act like Deri.

"If this is the case, their decision is not only corrupt but also corrupting," he writes.

Gideon Alon in Ha'aretz states that the fact that the representatives of most of the factions in the Knesset voted against Rubinstein's request, "strengthens the claim that the Knesset is functioning as a professional union that zealously takes care of its members."

Neeman's tax plan

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman's tax reform project, which is aimed at reducing tax rates by eliminating tax exemptions, drew commentators'

responses.

Ma'ariv's Moshe Pert believes that the plan holds enormous social and economic significance because "it will be the first attempt to change the approach towards the distribution of resources."

He adds that a tax on stock market earnings is justifiable but the chances that it will be implemented are slim: "The prime minister has enough fronts to fight on, so he does not intend to open another one."

Yehudit Sever Plotzker, however, believes that while in the short term investors shouldn't worry, in the long term a tax on stock profits will be imposed.

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Court refuses to disqualify Maccabiah judge

Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday rejected a request by the attorney for engineer Micha Bar-Ilan to disqualify Judge Edna Beckenstein from the Maccabiah bridge disaster trial. The three-judge panel found there was no basis for the request by attorney Avraham Landstein. Landstein had accused Beckenstein of being unfair in turning down his request to hold another discussion about an issue that had been raised at a previous session. Bar-Ilan is one of five people charged with negligent manslaughter in the deaths of four Australian athletes in the bridge collapse that occurred at the opening of the Maccabiah Games last July. *Jim*

High Court overrules TA Rabbinical Court

The High Court has overturned a ruling by the Tel Aviv Rabbinical Court and blasted its decision to increase the number of members of the body appointed by the late religious affairs minister Zevulun Hammer to elect the Ashkenazi chief rabbi of Tel Aviv. The panel of three justices said that the rabbinical court had exceeded its authority. Hammer appointed the 30-man committee after the Tel Aviv Municipality and the Tel Aviv Religious Council failed to do so. However, several people, claiming that Hammer had deliberately chosen an elective body which would choose his preferred candidate, appealed to the Rabbinical Court, which accepted the appeal and decided to expand the body. In response, other Tel Aviv residents petitioned the High Court. *Dan Izenberg*

'Modesty squad' suspected in attack on couple

Police are investigating an attack by four haredim on an Arab man who was seated in a car with an Orthodox woman in Jerusalem. The victim sustained light injuries in the beating, which took place around midnight Tuesday in a parking lot near the Supreme Court building. Police believe the assailants were members of the "modesty squad" of the Eda Haredit Rabbinical Court. *Elli Wohlgelegen*

Druse not allowed to drop Israeli citizenship

The Interior Ministry has rejected a request by the heads of Druse local councils in the Golan Heights to annul the citizenship of Druse who so desire. The request was made some two months ago to Interior Minister Eli Shuss, it was discussed by the prime minister's bureau and the Interior and Internal Security ministries, whose representatives agreed there is no legal way to annul the citizenship of Druse who live in an area under Israeli sovereignty. *Jim*

Launch of Technion satellite delayed

The launch of the Technion's Gurwin II TechSat micro-satellite and five other satellites aboard a Russian Zenith rocket has been deferred for at least two weeks. This follows two earlier setbacks after technical problems with the rocket. The Russian space agency informed the Technion yesterday that the two-week delay would enable the completion of pre-launch checks. The first attempt to launch the TechSat aboard a converted Russian SS-25 missile ended in failure three years ago. The rocket did not reach orbit and crashed back to earth. *David Rudge*

Salim 'clarifies' Arab land comments

By LIAT COLLINS

MK Salah Salim (Hadash) yesterday did not retract his previous day's call for Palestinians to murder Arab land dealers who sell property to Jews, but sent Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon a letter "clarifying" his remarks.

During a well-publicized tour of the Ateret Cohanim excavation sites in Jerusalem's Old City with the Knesset Interior Committee on Tuesday, Salim said, "I am amazed at the Palestinians who have stopped killing land dealers."

Salim has been invited for questioning by the Jerusalem police today.

After meeting with Tichon yesterday morning, Salim sent him a letter saying: "I did say the things as attributed in the media. I wish to clarify that my remarks were made in the heat of a stormy argument and in a stormy atmosphere following the recent events in the Old City."

"I had no intention of inciting the murder of any person, no matter what his opinions and actions. That is how I was brought up in my home and [the communist] movement."

"My words expressed the factual attitude throughout the generations of all peoples to those who sell their lands, including punishing them in the existing legal and procedural framework."

"It is conceivable that I was not aware of the meaning that could be given to these words, and therefore I thought it proper to send you this clarification."

The letter caused MKs from the National Religious Party to continue their call that Salim's parliamentary immunity be lifted so he could face charges of incitement to murder. "It's not an apology for the terrible things he said and it leaves a bad taste in the mouth," said MK Nissan Slonimsky. Knesset Law Committee chairman Hanan Porat asked the attorney-general to begin procedures against Salim.

Later, Salim asked to add a line to his clarifying letter saying he

retracts his words if they were understood as incitement. He still did not apologize and accused the police of being quick to act against him only because he is Arab.

"[The investigation] will start with Salah Salim, but it won't end with him. I will make sure it includes respected people, MKs, ministers and rabbis," Salim said.

Interior Committee Chairman Salah Tarif (Labor) also criticized the police for intending to investigate Salim's actions. "The police cannot announce of its own accord that it intends investigating this or that MK for things said during discussions in the committee," he said. "During sensitive debates

emotions are raised and MKs across the political spectrum sometimes say terrible things, like those Salim said. The police cannot scare MKs with threats of investigations."

MK Ophir Pines (Labor) criticized his colleagues for not condemning Salim and noted his bill to void parliamentary immunity when MKs incite violence or racism would soon be debated. "Parliamentary immunity is given MKs to enable them to faithfully carry out their work without threats of investigations or imprisonment for remarks made or actions taken in the framework of their parliamentary work."

Tichon, A-G to meet on Deri comments

By LIAT COLLINS

Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon is expected to meet with Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein next week to discuss Rubinstein's comments that this week's decision by the Knesset House Committee not to vote on lifting Aryeh Deri's parliamentary immunity could be perceived as stemming from "foreign and political considerations."

Tichon said he was convinced the remarks were made in the heat of the moment, after the committee rejected Rubinstein's request to immediately lift Deri's immunity so he can be tried for alleged breach of trust. The committee voted to wait until three months after the conclusion of his seven-year-old ongoing trial.

Rubinstein was reacting to the decision and request by Shlomo Benizri (Shas), Uzi Landau (Likud), and Haim Ramon (Labor) that he drop the charges because it would be a travesty of justice. Rubinstein said it was Deri who had asked that the procedures be delayed because of the current trial, but had then complained about it.

MK Ze'ev (Benny) Begin (Likud) yesterday criticized the committee's decision saying it was "crass intervention in the attorney-general's considerations concerning when Deri should be brought to trial, harms the idea of the supreme rule of justice," and shames the Knesset.

"The committee's decision traps Deri in a miserable situation: As long as the Knesset prevents the clearing of the charges against him, he is likely to be considered as someone guilty until proven innocent," Begin said.



Immigrants hold up photographs of relatives left behind in Ethiopia during a protest held yesterday against Israeli government plans to shut the transit camp in Addis Ababa. (Brian Handberg)

Ethiopians protest plan to close transit camp

By GIL HOFFMAN

Citing plans to close the Jewish transit camp in Addis Ababa today, Labor MK Adisu Massala accused the government at a protest held by Ethiopian immi-

grants of abandoning the Jews remaining in Ethiopia.

"We haven't heard anything from the government," Massala said yesterday at the demonstration attended by about 100 people outside the Knesset. "We feel that

we are being ignored."

David Bar-Ilan, the prime minister's communication's advisor, denied that the government is abandoning Ethiopian Jews, saying, "As far as I know, the matter is being investigated and anyone who is eligible will be helped in reaching Israel."

"The government is upset that Russian immigration is decreasing," Massala said. "But here are Ethiopian Jews at the government's door, suffering from hunger, thirst and a bad political situation and yet the government is not bringing them here." He estimated there were another 7,000-8,000 Jews in Ethiopia entitled to citizenship under the Law of Return.

Many of the protesters immigrated from the Kuara area of Gondar in Ethiopia in 1992. Some held up photographs of relatives left behind.

Emuna Landau, who just returned from a visit to Gondar, said that she has a list of 2,500 people left in Kuara, and that 900 of them have permits to leave Ethiopia.

Landau criticized the government for permitting the immigration of the Falash Mura, Ethiopian Jews who had converted to Christianity, before helping the Jews from Kuara, who observe Shabbat and keep kosher.

"Nobody seems to care about the Jews in Kuara anymore," Landau said.

Knesset postpones media restrictions bill

By DAN IZENBERG

The Knesset Law Committee yesterday decided to shelve for another six months a bill which would bar the media from disclosing the religious, ethnic, or community background of individuals mentioned in their reports.

During these six months, three committee members will meet with representatives of the Press Council to look for ways to turn the institution, currently a self-governing, voluntary body, into a statutory one. According to the MKs, the change will strengthen the Press Council's ability to supervise journalists' reporting.

The bill, initiated by Moshe Gafni (United Torah Judaism), passed first reading last year, but met with strong opposition inside the committee as it started to

prepare the final draft. In May, 1997, the committee decided to suspend its work for a year. During that time, the Press Council was asked to examine dozens of complaints by Manof, a haredi media watchdog organization.

A year later, Manof claimed that 68 of 88 complaints it had lodged involved criminal allegations against media outlets. Of the 68, the Press Council rejected or shelved 67 and its disciplinary court the other one.

Tel Aviv University Prof. Assa Kasher, representing the Press Council, said one had to differentiate between cases where the ethnic or religious background of a person is pertinent to the story and where it isn't. He acknowledged that among the complaints lodged by Manof, there were cases where the background was irrelevant.

Nursing home defies shut-down

By JUDY SEGAL

Owners of the Hemdat Harim Nursing Home in Jerusalem's Beit Hanina neighborhood locked the institution's gates yesterday to prevent district health officials from evacuating its 40 patients. The Health Ministry said.

Three ambulances drove up to the home, whose license was recently revoked, to take the elder-

ly residents away yesterday.

According to the ministry, the owners refused to let the patients leave. The owners also appealed to the High Court for a restraining order, the ministry said.

Dr. Pamiela Ben-Yishai, the Jerusalem district health officer, said that the "nursing home doesn't meet our standards, and we decided to close it and move residents - most of them low-income people whose hospitalization is

covered by the government - to better institutions."

"There are also Arab male nurses who don't speak Hebrew. Although the medical care is acceptable, the other conditions are not," she said. "We cancelled their regular license to operate and agreed to give only a temporary license for a few months at a time, but when we saw there were no improvements, we decided to cancel it altogether."

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We appreciate the support and solidarity of the Jewish Agency and federation leadership on the conversion controversy. We support Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) sponsored institutes of Jewish Studies and our fellow movements' active participation in these and any other cooperative efforts between all streams of Judaism. However, so long as there is no participation by the Chief Rabbinate in these institutes, their establishment cannot be understood as implementation of the Ne'eman Commission recommendations.

The legislation currently pending, whether the original Conversion Bill or any other legislation enacting Chief Rabbinate's monopoly over conversions is coercive, highly divisive, would alienate most Jews throughout the world, and should be rejected.

We urge all Jews in Israel and the Diaspora to join with us in saying "no" to religious legislation and religious coercion and "yes" to mutual respect and freedom of religious choice for all Jews. It is important that responsible voices call upon the Government of Israel to avoid any attempt to impose religious norms related to conversion through legislation. Only dialogue and compromise can lead to an acceptable resolution.

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Iranian nights

Iran won its World Cup game against the United States, 2 to 1. But, at home, a domestic match is raging, deadlocked 2 to 2.

The first goal for the Iranian moderates seeking reconciliation with the US was scored by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright on June 17, in a speech which may not have marked a change in US policy but certainly stretched it into the most positive interpretation toward Iran.

Albright sought to reassure Iran of US respect for its stability and sovereignty, albeit with a strong emphasis on the Washington faction.

The election of Mohammad Khatami, she stated, gave him "a mandate for change, demanding from the Iranian government greater freedoms...and a more moderate foreign policy aimed at ending Iran's estrangement from the international community... President Khatami deserves respect because he is the choice of the Iranian people."

The secretary of state also restated US criticisms of Tehran's behavior, things which must be changed to ensure good relations with Washington such as: Iran's opposition to the Middle East peace process, its denouncing Israel "in inflammatory and unacceptable terms," its sponsoring of terrorism, its human rights violations, and its efforts to develop long-range missiles and to acquire nuclear weapons.

At the same time, Albright also pointed to positive signs in Iran: its softening toward the peace process, its denouncing of terrorism, its anti-drug efforts, its help in Afghanistan peace-making and its improved relations with Gulf Arab states.

The United States respects Iran's sovereignty and independence, Albright said. "We do not seek to overthrow its government."

If both sides could continue working to resolve their differences, she concluded, "then we in the United States can see the prospect of a very different relationship. As the wall of mistrust comes down, we can develop with the Islamic Republic, when it is ready, a road map leading to normal relations."

Most simply stated, then, the United States wants better relations with Iran but uses this potential benefit (and that of letting American companies invest there) as leverage to try to push Tehran's policy to one minimally meeting US interests.

This is similar to US policy toward the PLO in the 1970s and 1980s, and many other diplomatic campaigns which have often resulted in successes.

If the White House can show Iran has changed, it can easily overcome congressional pressures to maintain a tough US stand.

Perhaps there will be some new US initiatives toward

releasing frozen Iranian assets and easing - at least through interpretation - restrictions on trade and investment in Iran.

President Khatami and his faction are clearly sincere in believing detente with America is also in their interest. Iran is in terrible economic shape and could well use an end to US sanctions.

There have been invitations to Americans, soft words from Khatami and even small signs of reduced aid to terrorism, including a cut in Hizbollah's budget and a hint that Tehran would block cross-border attacks if Israel withdrew from Lebanon.

But all these steps are still reversible and the question is also how much political capital Khatami will invest in altering Iran's foreign policy.

Alternatively, he could buy off radical acceptance of domestic reforms by giving them a monopoly on continuing extremism abroad.

Every time the United States and Iran come a step closer together, the hardline faction in Tehran puts a moderate on trial in retaliation. In the last few days, the militants kicked two goals.

First, just before the World Cup game, Iran's parliament removed one of Khatami's closest allies, Interior Minister Abdollah Nouri, by a vote of 137 to 118. The accusations against Nouri included jeopardizing Iran's stability, permitting an anti-hardline rally in May, appointing incompetent officials and making provocative statements.

But the moderates countered with a second goal. Khatami promoted Nouri to a newly created post of deputy president for development and social affairs.

And last month, the radicals were forced to back down from attempts to remove Tehran's popular, pro-Khatami mayor.

But Ayatollah Hussein Ali Montazeri, another Khatami supporter (and once protégé of the nation's late leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini), is still under house arrest for urging a reduced role for the Islamic clergy in politics last November.

The radicals' second goal of the day set the tone against reconciliation, showing the group is interested only in victory.

Immediately after the football match, Khatami's rival, Iran's spiritual and perhaps most powerful leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei told the Iranian team, "Tonight, again, the strong and arrogant opponent felt the bitter taste of defeat at your hands."

For the radicals, the game's outcome proved that a triumph over America is still possible and removes any need for Iranian concessions.

Regardless of whether the Iranian or American teams qualify for the World Cup's next round, there will certainly be more rounds of negotiations between the two countries. In diplomacy, unlike football, perhaps both sides can ultimately be winners.



Barry Rubin

Desperately seeking Uncle Sam

Clinton starts a historic visit to China today while President Jiang Zemin stakes his legacy on nurturing Sino-American relations

By JOHN POMFRET

BEIJING - In a documentary aired nationwide Friday night on China's main state-run channel, President Jiang Zemin was shown bobbing in the surf off Waikiki Beach in Hawaii. While Mao Zedong swam in the Yellow River and his successor, Deng Xiaoping, bathed in the Gulf of Bohai, the narrator intoned solemnly, Jiang frolicked in the wide-open waters of the Pacific Ocean.

He added: "Isn't this a sign of China's openness and historical change?"

As the first visit of an American president to China in nine years starts today, Jiang Zemin is bidding for his place in history. While Mao united China and Deng opened it to the outside world, Jiang appears to have staked his legacy on building a stable and strong relationship with the United States.

For now, Jiang's ambitions conflict with the reality of a complex and often fractious relationship with Washington. On such issues as Taiwan, trade, security and human rights, the two countries remain far apart. American and Chinese analysts say, US and Chinese officials are playing down any expectations of substantive new agreements during Clinton's nine-day visit, which begins Thursday.

Still, "Clinton's trip is extremely important for Jiang," said David Shambaugh, director of the Sigur Center for Asian Studies at George Washington University. "In the end, the Clinton visit is much more about symbolism than substance - and the symbols definitely bolster Jiang at home and abroad" by casting him as Clinton's partner in spite of the bilateral differences.

Jiang's initiative on US relations has accelerated since last year, when he took over the top position on the Communist Party's foreign affairs working group from former prime minister Li Peng, consolidating his control over foreign policy.

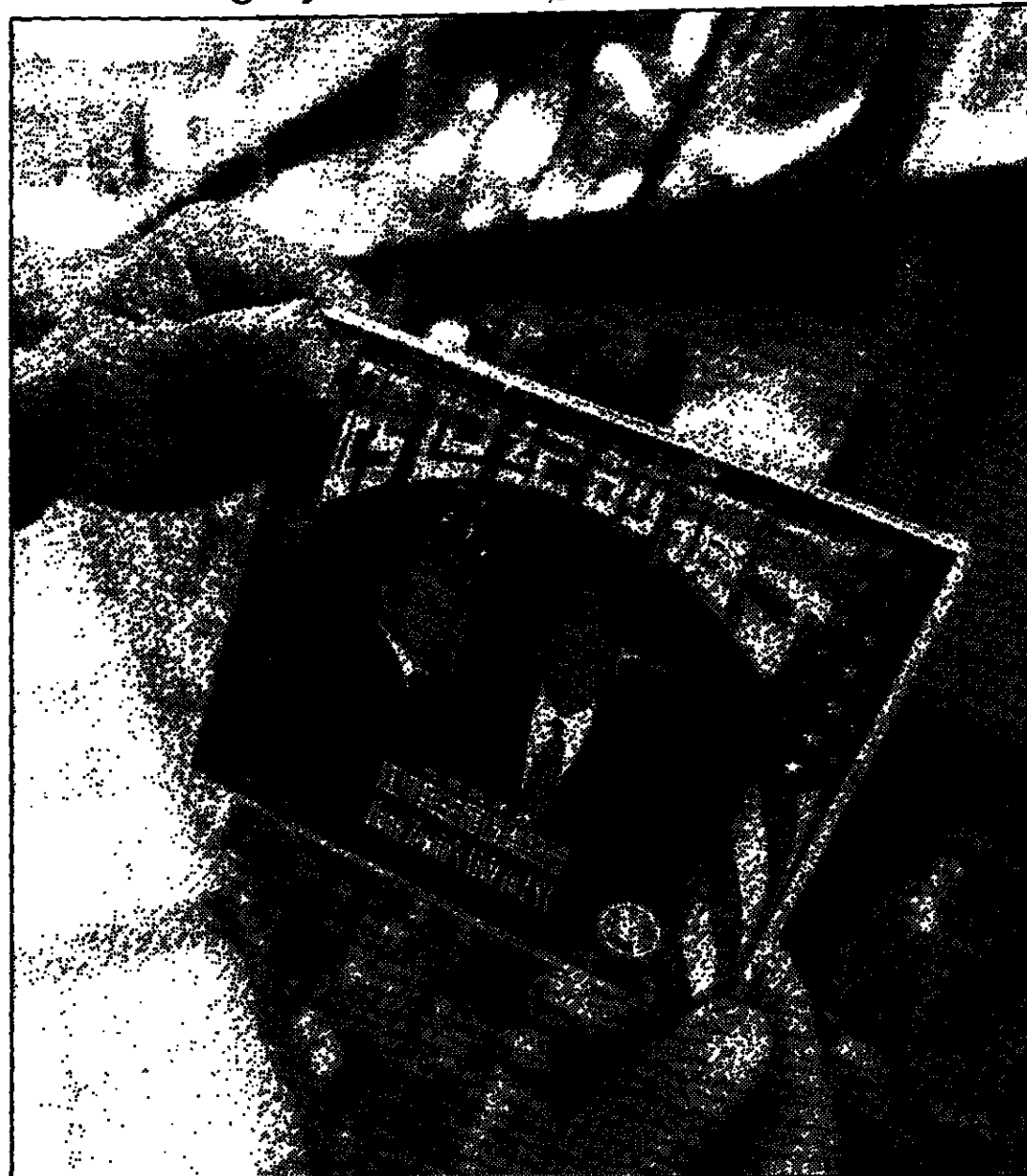
Li was known, American diplomats have contended, as an opponent of close ties with the United States who spoke often of the need to create a "multipolar world order" to avoid US domination.

Since then, Jiang has shifted Beijing's policies toward Washington in several key areas. He and economic czar Zhu Rongji have worked to ensure that China would not devalue its currency, the yuan, a major concern of the Clinton administration in the midst of the Asian economic crisis.

Jiang has moved to defuse tensions on human rights by releasing several well-known political prisoners and pledging to sign international human rights accords.

Last month, following a telephone call from Clinton, he urged Pakistan not to conduct nuclear tests, and later he announced that China will no longer supply Pakistan with nuclear or missile technology.

Perhaps more important, Jiang has also helped create an atmosphere in which the United States is not so easily demonized here. Just two years ago, China's airwaves and bookstores were full of screeds - such as "China Can Say No" -



As Clinton's visit approached, Beijing stores began selling video compact discs about Jiang Zemin's 1997 visit to the US. The Chinese president is seeking harmony with the US on a host of issues, ranging from exchange rates to human rights.

that denounced the United States and accused it of plotting to contain China. Today, there are no such broadsides to be seen or heard.

Jiang has replaced some senior anti-American propagandists in the party and also has worked to isolate Deng Liqun, once a powerful hard-liner with strong anti-American credentials.

"Mao, Deng and Zhou Enlai really took the United States very seriously as the most important country in the world and worked to build good ties with America," said Yuan Ming, the head of the Institute for International Relations at Beijing University. "Jiang has inherited these ideas; in this regard, he is a good student of Deng."

Still, Jiang's evolution into a politician who backs strong ties with the United States has surprised some China scholars who long puzzled over what he really believes.

"We are witnessing - very late in life - what could be described as a rush to stand for something," said one longtime Western diplomat in Beijing. "With these two summits, Jiang has defined himself and has hitched a ride on the boat of US-China relations."

The reason Jiang has decided to

stress US-China ties, Yuan and others say, is two-fold. First, improving relations with the United States is now seen by many in China as inherently good - important for China's desired status as a world power and its economic development.

If China views itself as threatened by the United States, said Joseph Fewsmith, a political scientist at Boston University, that makes a lot of domestic reform policies more difficult to achieve, such as expanding the shareholding system and other capitalist-style reforms.

In that way, he said, Jiang and Li are convinced of the linkage between relations with the United States and domestic politics - but for very different reasons.

"Li was suspicious of the United States and tensions within the relationship bolstered some of his efforts to hinder reform," Fewsmith said. "Jiang seems to have overcome his initial suspicions of the US and to have become committed to the relationship - but now he needs a successful summit to sell the relationship to sometimes skeptical colleagues."

The second reason for Jiang's efforts to cultivate the United

States is that after years of trying to deal with Taiwan directly, he has apparently come to the conclusion that the road to reunification with the breakaway Chinese province of 21 million people lies through Washington.

January 1995, Jiang put forward an eight-point program for "reunification with Taiwan" that, among other things, would have allowed Taiwan to keep its own armed forces and political system.

The same year, in what was interpreted as a bitter defeat for Jiang, Taiwanese President Lee Teng-hui rejected the program and then obtained a visa to visit the United States, thanks in part to Taiwan's well-oiled lobbying machine in Washington.

Beijing reacted strongly, launching two rounds of military exercises off Taiwan's coast. US-China relations - and the prospect of China's reunification with Taiwan - could not have been colder.

Following that debacle, Chinese analysts said, Jiang was able to argue that China could avoid being outmaneuvered by Taiwan if it had closer relations with Washington. During his visit to the United States last year, Jiang met

frequently with members of the American-Chinese community - a critical battleground in Beijing's international power struggle with Taipei. He even stayed an extra night in Los Angeles to be fêted by an Chinese-American group.

A senior Chinese diplomat said that as ties with the United States improve, China expects that Washington will begin to pressure Taiwan to engage in reunification talks with China. Already, a string of former US officials, including former defense secretary William J. Perry, have journeyed to Taiwan with a blunt message: If you declare formal independence, the United States might not be there to protect you from China's response.

More than most senior Chinese leaders, Jiang appears to have an affinity for the United States. A music lover who enjoys singing, he knows the lyrics of a number of American show tunes and has been known to sing "When We Were Young" to visitors. His visit to the United States last year was long and extensive, taking him from Wall Street to the White House to Williamsburg, Va., and bringing him into contact with a wide range of Americans.

In his speech at Harvard University, Jiang seemed to have grown accustomed to the protests that followed him on his trip, quipping that the only way for him to deal with the raucous bullhorns outside Memorial Hall was to speak louder.

"I really have a much better, much deeper idea of American democracy now that I have seen it," Jiang told the audience.

At the same time, Jiang's embrace of an America policy appears to be driven partly by internal political calculations, Chinese analysts here say. Foreign policy is in many ways the safest portfolio for a Chinese leader.

By contrast, Zhu Rongji, the new premier, was given responsibility for the economy and for carrying out the risky reforms of state-owned industries, while Li Peng, who became chairman of the National People's Congress, is said to be responsible for internal security matters.

"Li will take the heat for political-social stability, and Zhu will do the same in economic matters, although Jiang will get credit if they succeed," said Wu Guoguang, a former aide to deposed Communist Party secretary Zhao Ziyang who fled to Hong Kong in 1989 and now teaches at the Chinese University in Hong Kong.

"In this way, Jiang has established himself as the real core of the Chinese leadership to succeed Mao and Deng."

US Ambassador Jim Sasser, who met Jiang three days after he arrived in China during 1996 military exercises around Taiwan, said he was impressed with Jiang's desire to create a legacy for himself.

"I got the sense that he had a profound interest in trying to achieve something of lasting benefit for China," Sasser said in an interview. "We talked about his age and his grandchildren and what kind of China he wanted them to live in. It was pretty convincing." (Washington Post)

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The letter includes an appreciation of the significant territorial concessions made in Sinai as part of the effort to promote a permanent settlement with the Arab states, repeats the US basic commitment to maintain Israel's defensive superiority, promises to continue to provide Israel with economic aid, and supply it with advanced types of equipment essential for its defense, such as F-16 aircraft and Pershing ground-to-air missiles.

However, the most significant section of the letter from Israel's current perspective is the promise of US-Israeli coordination. Following is the entire section relating to this issue as it appears in Ford's letter:

"In the spirit of the special relationship existing between the United States and Israel and in light of the determination of both sides to avoid a situation in which the US and Israel would pursue divergent courses in peace negotiations, the US will take the position that these are negotiations between the parties. As I indicated to you in our conversation on 12 June 1975, the situation in the aftermath of the Israeli-Egyptian Interim Agreement will be one in which the overall settlement can be pursued in a systematic and deliberate way and does not require the US to put forward an overall proposal of its own in such circumstances. Should the US desire in the future to put forward proposals of its own, it will make every effort to coordinate with Israel its proposals with a view to refraining from putting forth proposals that Israel would consider unsatisfactory."

"The US will support the position that an overall settlement with Syria in the framework of a peace agreement must assure Israel's

security from attack from the Golan Heights. The US further supports the position that a just and lasting peace, which remains our objective, must be acceptable to both sides. The US has not developed a final position on the borders. Should it do so it will give great weight to Israel's position that any peace agreement with Syria must be predicated on Israel remaining on the Golan Heights. My view in this regard was stated in our conversation of September 13, 1974."

"Sincerely, Gerald Ford."

It is worth remembering that in 1975 there was also a severe disagreement between Rabin and secretary of state Henry Kissinger on the issue of the concessions which were demanded of Israel. At that time the US adopted a policy of "reevaluation." Rabin then was in no hurry to bow to US demands. But it should also be noted that the wording of the letter is not entirely binding.

Meanwhile, to date the Americans have refused to respond to Netanyahu's request that a letter of this type be prepared regarding Israel's interests in Judea and Samaria. A senior American official told me this week that "the administration does not wish to tie its hands in an undertaking similar to the one given by Ford to Rabin in 1975, when trust between the two countries is at an all-time low."

Moreover, the issue of coordination between the two countries is not the only question awaiting an American reply.

In addition to the degree of US commitment regarding Israeli interests relating to the permanent settlement with the Palestinians, Israel is also waiting for an express commitment on the subject of the third redeployment and for a whole string of replies from Yasser Arafat on his willingness to fulfill his com-

mitments within the framework of the Oslo and Hebron accords.

These include the annulment of the Palestinian Covenant by the PNC; the extradition or at least incarceration of some 25 terrorists who are serving in the Palestinian security forces; confiscation of illegal weapons in the territories; cutting back the armed forces to the agreed level; and defining control of the areas which will be transferred to partial Palestinian control.

Israel claims that the Palestinians are disregarding their basic commitments and continue to incite and educate toward violence. The Palestinians claim that Israel is trying to avoid upholding the Oslo Accords and is playing for time.

The Americans say that the Israeli government has not provided the names, the necessary evidence, and a timetable which would allow progress to be made in fulfilling their claims. Their view is that the Palestinians are not perfect either, and they are not doing all they can to alleviate Israel's anxieties.

And in the meantime, no one wants to be the first to blink, neither Arafat nor Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. Netanyahu, meanwhile, is proposing an advisory referendum...

Three million advisers Several weeks ago some of the leaders of the American peace team participated in a private Friday night meal at the home of the one of the inner cabinet ministers, in an effort to accelerate Israel's handling of the redeployment.

During the conversation the Americans complained that the Israeli negotiating team is so limited that it is difficult to be convinced that Israel is serious about its intentions to move forward with the Palestinians.

Uri Savir had a staff of 100 when he conducted negotiations

for Shimon Peres. Even during Yitzhak Shamir's time, dozens of people were involved in the negotiating delegations. At the moment there are at most just three advisers handling the peace process...

This week, with the idea of the referendum gaining momentum, the minister can joke: "You said that three advisers is insufficient? Now you have three million. It's just right for us. Look how much public support there is for it."

On Tuesday, the American Embassy in Tel Aviv was still relating to the idea of the referendum lightly. Reports to Washington included assessments that the referendum was just a game and would not be implemented.

It would appear that as of yesterday, embassy officials changed their minds. A radio broadcast stated that an American official had expressed support for the referendum.

I don't know which official was being quoted. In conversations which I held, the tone was one of astonishment rather than support.

The Americans do not really care how Israel promotes the redeployment or how Netanyahu puts together the political support he needs to carry it out. But they are worried that it will take time, that the redeployment will once again be delayed, and that the final-status talks will be postponed till after the fall holidays.

Netanyahu's aides have stressed that the referendum will not only help him present overwhelming support for his policies, but will also give him time to examine Arafat's intentions regarding his commitments.

Only the Americans remain confused. They are so confused that Albright received the former director-general of the Foreign Ministry, Uri Savir, for talks on Tuesday. Perhaps he could unravel the web of Israeli politics to her. Perhaps.

Palestinians in west Jerusalem At this week's cabinet meeting, when National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon was called upon to speak, he quoted a poem in praise of Jerusalem from Abraham Mapu's Ahasavat Zion.

I asked Sharon: What is the point of raising the issue of expanding Jerusalem now? Sharon thought that the government had not been forceful enough. He did not like the sentence included in the government's statement after the meeting which stressed that "the political status of Jerusalem remains unchanged and no areas to the east of the city are being added, only to the west."

Sharon believes that the trend should be reversed. That enlarging Jerusalem westward would be disastrous, with the exception of the demographic contribution. Like many others in the Likud, Sharon believes that the spread of Jerusalem westward worsens the situation along the border areas, destroys the city center, reinforces Arab control over the eastern part of the city, and signals to everyone to keep up the pressure.

He calls on the government to begin building at Har Homa and Ras al-Amud immediately, to cut off the corridors that would link the Palestinian capital at Abu Dis and Bethlehem with Jerusalem.

He has ordered the Israel Lands Administration, under his jurisdiction, to examine the building plans in the area between Ma'aleh Adumim and Pisgat Ze'ev. He believes that tens of thousands of apartments should be constructed to the north, east, and south of Jerusalem - just not to the west.

Not quite business as usual This week a senior delegation of US intelligence personnel is visiting, for routine meetings on cooperation between the secret services

in both countries.

The evening before last, the Israeli hosts invited their American colleagues to a cocktail party and dinner at an Intelligence Corps base, together with current and former senior members of the corps. The event was planned in advance and was included in the American delegation's schedule to mark 30 years of cooperation between the US and Israel in these sensitive areas.

The previous evening, the Association for the Legacy of the Intelligence Corps held another celebratory event with the participation of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, in which not only the heads of intelligence since the establishment of the state participated, but a "who's who" of the Mossad and General Security Service.

The party in which the Americans participated had an ulterior motive: It was sign that business is as usual.

At the beginning of the week, however, several seemingly encouraging reports arrived from Washington indicating that the special relationship between the two countries on military and strategic issues is being maintained, at least at this stage.

Senior officials at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, who are engaged in these sensitive spheres, stated that thanks to the administration, the Pentagon still has a reservoir of goodwill and that despite the differences of opinion which are making the peace process difficult, there is a feeling that it is preferable to get along with Israel rather than get into a state of conflict with it.

Nevertheless, the secret telegrams arriving from the American capital also contain a warning: Israel's exploitation of congressional support may, in the near future, increase its dependence on the Republicans and turn

the special relationship between the two countries, which for years has stood above internal US politics, into an overriding issue between the two parties.

This is not the first time that Israel has relied too heavily on Congress.

In 1994, when the Republicans won a double victory in the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Rabin administration found itself in an embarrassing situation. After Clinton had been elected in 1992, Israel's official representatives had neglected their ties with the Republicans. They did not correctly assess the projected turn-about and related to Republican Party officials such as Newt Gingrich with disdain, and this vacuum was filled by lobbyists from the Israeli Right.

When the Republicans took over on Capitol Hill, Yossi Ben-Aharon, Yigal Carmon, and Yoram Ettinger (former prime minister Shamir's cronies) suddenly had considerable influence, much to the chagrin of Yitzhak Rabin. According to the warning included in the recent reports from Washington, although strategic cooperation seems to be continuing normally, we should remember that the administration may well turn a blind eye to Israel's basic interests.

Such behavior has already been reflected in the presidential veto of legislation regarding the Russia and Iran may become even more severe within the framework of America's reevaluation of its policies toward Iran and Iraq and regarding the steps taken to prevent nuclear proliferation following the nuclear tests in India and Pakistan.

It should be remembered that in the long term, Israel's dependence on just one of the US political parties is dangerous.

By SONYA ROSS

The Russian leadership is pursuing a firm policy aimed at preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery, including supply of any illegal rocket technologies to Iran," the statement said.

US: Iraq running campaign of deceit

By EVELYN LEOPOLD

They are also going to talk about other concealment in areas that involve chemical and biologi-

No warheads with chemical or biological agents were fired during the Gulf War.

But the testing, he said, "is still a work in progress." He added there would be a meeting with Iraqi authorities and international experts in July to discuss the issue.

"We'll stay with the position we've always had - let the inspections go forward and don't lift the sanctions till the (UN) resolutions are complied with," he added.

UN diplomats said there had been an unpublicized standoff with Iraq earlier this year when it tried to prevent UNSCOM from sending the samples abroad for analysis.

To meet Iraqi complaints that the commission had too many Americans and Britons in leading positions, France has supplied an official, Eric Fournier, for Butler's executive group in the commission. Russia is about to do the same with a Foreign Ministry official, *Nikita Zhukov*.



Ethnic Albanian leader Ibrahim Rugova refuses to answer reporters' questions yesterday at NATO's Brussels headquarters, after meeting with NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana, who told him he must meet with Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic. (AP)

Blair ends diplomatic freeze on Nigeria

By JOHN MORRISON

The spokesman said Blair and Abubakar discussed the continuing detention of Moshood Abiola, the

The first, imposed in 1993, suspended military cooperation, set visa restrictions for members of the military and security forces, and halted top-level visits.

Arizona casino holding \$38,000 for 'man in hat'

"He just walked off," said Sheila Morago, marketing manager of the Gila River Casino. "You tell me why he did it, because we have no idea. You'd think he'd want his money." Casino officials said the

Efforts include some electronic wizardry through digital enhancement of the winner's image on surveillance tapes.

Morago is closemouthed about even the smallest of details, such as the hat. Was it a stylish fedora, perhaps?

Appeals court gives Microsoft broad victory

By DAVID LAWSKY

The decision interprets a 1995 contract between the government and Microsoft, leaving open the question of what may happen under a new case filed against Microsoft last month by the

The court could have settled for a narrow decision that overruled US District Judge Thomas

appellate judges also found that Jackson had improperly referred the case to a "special master" to make recommendations on facts

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Who killed the tobacco bill?

The demise of a legislative effort, which would have dealt a severe blow to the cigarette industry, is largely the story of an odd alliance between tobacco-friendly Senate conservatives and passionate industry foes who together made the bill appear so radical that it could not pass

By MYRON LEVIN

As pundits do their post-mortems on the sweeping tobacco bill that died last week in the Senate, Big Tobacco's immense lobbying and media blitz will probably go down as the immediate cause of death.

But the bill's demise is as much the story of an odd alliance between tobacco-friendly Senate conservatives and passionate industry foes who together made the bill appear so radical that it could not pass.

Driven by vastly different agendas and never coalescing in any formal way, these strange bedfellows nonetheless combined to make passage impossible and to preserve the status quo.

In the process, tobacco foes, steeped in a combat psychology, lost a chance to reach many of their long-cherished goals. But, secure in the comfort of their trenches, they also avoided having to face a future with fewer battles to fight.

And the legislative and executive branches maintained their 40-year record of doing almost nothing meaningful on tobacco, once again leaving the problem to the courts.

The tobacco bill had its origins in the giant tobacco peace accord announced June 20, 1997, by industry negotiators, state attorneys general and private anti-tobacco lawyers.

Intended to settle the biggest of the pending tobacco lawsuits (the claims of 40 states as well as a welter of private class-action suits), the deal would have required tobacco companies annually to pay billions of dollars from higher cigarette prices to compensate the states and fund anti-smoking programs.

It also would have banned tobacco billboards and other marketing devices, in return for giving the industry substantial legal relief by restricting the types of lawsuits that could be brought.

The industry's acceptance of the deal was a stunning admission of vulnerability. But the anti-smoking forces, led by former Food and Drug Administration Commissioner David Kessler and ex-Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, quickly shook off their euphoria.

They zeroed in on objectionable provisions, including the idea of giving legal protections to a rogue industry that were not available to anyone else. And there was a general conviction that any deal accept-

able to the conniving smoke barons must be bad for the rest of the world.

Since the legal protections required changing federal law, the deal had to be ratified by Congress. There the pariah industry quickly lost control as demands to end the tobacco "bailout" reached a fever pitch.

Elements within the public health lobby who thought compromise might be possible were repudiated by colleagues and eventually shamed into silence. And the demands of this seemingly united front proved irresistible, shaping the legislation Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., steered through the Commerce Committee.

The bill contained the anti-smoking measures of the June 20 agreement. But by increasing cigarette prices at least \$1.10 per pack, it also was almost twice as expensive. More importantly, it eliminated nearly all of the legal protections that were the industry's reason for coming to the table.

Conservative Republicans were naturally uneasy — their huge donations from the tobacco industry being only the most obvious reason. Raising taxes and imposing tough regulation on business are not what they're about. Yet open defense of a

business that had become politically radioactive was out of the question, so what to do?

Opportunity knocked in the form of the only significant legal protection that had not been stripped away — a ceiling of \$8 billion on the amount of damages tobacco companies would have to pay successfully litigants in any one year. If that could be amended out, making the bill seem more draconian, moderates might get scared off and the tobacco companies, already engaged in an advertising blitz, would have helped in making their case.

Lucky for the conservatives, the liability cap was anathema to most of the anti-smoking forces, who often described it as "immunity" for the industry. Still, no industry has ever paid out \$8 billion in product liability damages, much less on an annual basis. So while one might argue that the cap was too low — or that, on principle, there should be no cap — the \$8 billion limit was hardly "immunity."

No matter. Public health advocates and their champions in the Senate were dead on the cap. So when the conservatives invited them to ride this particular Trojan Horse, they were glad to climb inside.

The removal of the cap only increased the industry's desper-

ation. But that was not all. Moderate Republicans joined Democrats in voting to increase by billions of dollars the penalties to be paid by the industry if ambitious targets for reducing youth smoking weren't met.

Finally, conservatives successfully pushed amendments to repeal the marriage tax penalty and divert cigarette tax proceeds to anti-drug programs. In the process, they made the bill more "Republican," but also more unworkable, because the loss of funds for anti-smoking efforts gave tobacco foes yet another reason to squawk.

So it was that after four weeks of debate, Sen. Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., pulled the plug, declaring that time to complete other business was running dangerously short.

An obvious conclusion is that the anti-smoking forces, giddy from seeing Big Tobacco bled and bleeding, simply overreached — underestimating the cigarette makers' remaining strength and overestimating the public's desire to trash them.

Then, too, health groups understood that once through the Senate, the McCain bill would

probably be diluted in conference with the House. They rationally concluded that the tougher the bill, the less objectionable the compromise would be.

But there was another reason for the all-or-nothing approach. Some of the most zealous tobacco foes were never completely sold on a big tobacco bill. Ambivalent about the fate of the legislation, they were risking little by demanding that it be perfect.

This seemed self-defeating in at least a couple of ways.

The bill lumped in one big package many cherished goals the anti-smoking movement had perennially sought but never gained — including a big tax to discourage smoking, strict limits on tobacco advertising, and a huge war chest for counter-advertising and other anti-smoking measures.

Moreover, health groups themselves would be involved in running the anti-smoking programs, and in that way had something of a vested financial interest in seeing the legislation pass.

But in a sense, the war culture and psychology of the anti-smoking movement worked against those incentives.

To an unprecedented degree, the McCain bill would institutionalize

the war on smoking as a big and lavishly funded priority of government on all levels. Private groups and volunteers have always been at the forefront of the anti-smoking movement, but with the growth of anti-smoking bureaucracies their prominence and the appeal of their call-to-arms would naturally decline.

Moreover, in the anti-smoking cause, as in other social movements propelled by a keen sense of moral outrage, the image of the scrappy underdog valiantly resisting an all-powerful enemy creates an enormous sense of pride and purpose.

Given the wealth and power of the \$50 billion industry, that story line for the most part has been easy to sustain. Yet the notion of a huge imbalance of power is being eroded by events — a trend that would accelerate under the McCain bill's anti-smoking regime.

As it turned out, the traditional story line at least superficially held up. Big Tobacco didn't like what Congress was up to, and rose up to swat away the threat. The forces of darkness prevail; the plucky insurgents continue their uphill fight, and so the world makes sense.

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BOOK

A pivotal figure

ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL VOL. I: Prophetic Witness, by Edward K. Kaplan and Samuel H. Dresner. New Haven & London: Yale University Press. 402 pp.

By Jacob Neusner

In a life full of paradox and crisis, Abraham Joshua Heschel, 1907-1972, embodied the fate of Judaism in the 20th century. In his person, he lived through the principal experiences, intellectual, religious, and political, that have defined the condition of the Jews and set forth the issues with which the Jewish faith has had to contend.

The first half of his life story, told in these pages, underscores the challenges of a life in (and) interesting times, lived in particular through the medium of the intellect. Because of Heschel's broad influence as a political icon of the left, presented as he is here as a prophet redemptive, Heschel's life, rather than his thought, attracts attention today. Some of his students, including this writer, took the path to the right, most to the left, and the far left of American politics at that. But long after his left-liberal politics lose all relevance for generations that define the political imperatives differently, his religious ideas, framed in terms of knowledge of God through revelation in the Scriptures, will continue to shape the life of piety and faith for thoughtful people, and that is why he rightly deserves a major biography.

Heschel was an unlikely candidate for a position at the center of American Judaism, its theology and its politics. To get there he had to abandon or vastly reconfigure his own heritage, his nationality, his ethnicity, his modes of thought and expression, even the language he spoke and the clothes that he wore. The simple outline tells the story of a man whose adaptations to challenge required remarkable courage. He started within what was culturally the most isolated of the Orthodox Jewish communities in Poland, Hassidism, got himself a secular education while continuing Orthodox practice and faith in Lithuania, affiliated with Liberal (Reform) Judaism in Germany, then the US, and ended up at the seminary of Conservative Judaism in New York City.

And through the passage from language to language, culture to culture, country to country, he continued to pray three times a day and thank God for every bit of bread he ate, to study the Torah as God's revealed word and to set forth what he learned as teaching of that same living tradition. It is hard to point to a more successful story of renewal of an ancient tradition through the encounter with contemporary intellect and sensibility than Heschel's.

But Heschel was no ordinary Hassid, a mere follower of some holy man; he was a prince of the realm. And he did not then go off to Germany and merely clip off his beard and side curls and hook up with Westernized Orthodoxy. Rather, he found his way into the intellectual heart of German Liberal Judaism and taught at the US counterpart, the Hebrew Union College, and at the somewhat more traditional Conservative school in NYC as well. And in Liberal, Reform, and Conservative Judaism Heschel did not then adopt the standard position of rationalism and secular apologetics characteristic of those Jewishisms. He preached nothing other than a philosophical form of Hassidism, much as did Martin Buber. The very radical character of Heschel's own choices match the extreme violence of the time in which he lived.

How well do Kaplan and Dresner tell the tale of the escape from German-occupied Europe? The bulk of the research was done by Samuel H. Dresner, professor of philosophy at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America



Abraham Joshua Heschel

(Atelier May)

and for a long time pulpit rabbi, Heschel's student first at the Hebrew Union College in the early 1940s, then at JTS, and his leading disciple, and (with Fritz A. Rothchild) his most competent interpreter.

The book was written by Edward K. Kaplan, professor of French and comparative literature at Brandeis, who first met Heschel at the political phase of his career, in 1966, when Heschel was one with the Berrigans. The collaboration of researcher and writer has produced a book with the strengths and weaknesses of each of the partners.

Dresner's contribution is formidable. On the one hand, the work is lovingly researched, pages and pages of data being carefully filled with information of marginal interest. We hardly need to be told the geography of the Warsaw neighborhood where Heschel grew up, for example, or be given potted tours of Weimar Berlin and encyclopedia entries on its leading philosophers. Some of the anecdotes are of dubious provenance and no responsible scholar will have included a fair number of them. Heschel's correspondence, stories of people who knew him, the lives of people who crossed his path, the flood of information, lovingly preserved, hardly makes for compelling reading.

But for the first systematic biography, I suppose, that was not the governing criterion of relevance. But suffice it to say that all the hard questions have yet to be asked. Why, for example, did a teenage boy leave his father's religious world and his mother's house and strike out on his own, changing the very clothing that he wore along with his life's curriculum?

What about Kaplan? As the principal author Kaplan reveals the strengths and weaknesses of his field, French and comparative literature and not philosophy, philosophy of religion, theology, let alone Scripture and Talmud and philosophy. The strengths of Kaplan's writing underscore his weaknesses.

Heschel wrote some Yiddish poetry, and Kaplan's analysis and exposition of Heschel's poetry invariably proves persuasive and lively. But Kaplan's grasp of issues of German philosophy in the first third of the 20th century is wooden and superficial, and his narrative becomes clunky and dull. The contrast between his lively prose in dealing with Heschel's poetry and his dutiful, lifeless, and tiresome paraphrase in dealing with his philosophy tells the tale. Indeed, when it comes to Heschel's serious efforts to contribute to philosophy, his philosophical reading of the scriptural prophets, a reading framed in dialogue with psychology and phenomenology, Kaplan's presentation scarcely rises above the reportorial. A high-class undergraduate paraphrase of this and that.

Kaplan can say what Heschel said, but he does not tell us a great deal about the intellectual challenges that Heschel addressed, the generative issues and how he responded to them. It would be unfair to say that Kaplan possesses no qualifications for the work, since he rightly enjoys the main one: he was willing to devote years of his life to the task.

But no one can doubt that a great deal of work remains to be done to place Heschel in the philosophical and theological context in which he pursued his work.

The book gives off a certain hagiographical odor, is about a third longer than it should be, and stops where it should start. Heschel's was the most interesting and complex life of Jewish intellectual activity in modern times. The exposition completed in these pages gains in interest as Heschel's life unfolds, and not only in interest but in competence. So if the second volume is ever done, we may be sure that it will contain the justification for such an elaborate project that the first lacks. That is to say, the important work awaits: the account of Heschel's intellectual biography, the only one that matters.

Battle lines drawn in writers' feud

By Vanora Bennett

In waspish literary London, where rumor, feud and insult are natural accompaniments to the canapés and white wine of the book-launch circuit, battle lines and lines of defense are being drawn up in a feud between celebrated writers Paul Theroux and V.S. Naipaul.

After more than 30 years of friendship, Theroux, the 57-year-old American author of *The Great Railway Bazaar* and *The Mosquito Coast*, has fallen out with Naipaul, his former mentor. Theroux has completed a draft of a revenge memoir that reportedly savages Naipaul and his second wife, Nadira.

Theroux's attack is so harsh that his British publisher, Hamish Hamilton, apparently fears that the book may have to be recast before it can be printed, because libel laws in Britain are among the strictest in the world. The book will be published in the United States in November by Houghton Mifflin.

"We've just seen the early manuscript. Obviously, it's kept very much under lock and key because it's such explosive stuff," said Sarah Thornton, Theroux's publicist at Hamish Hamilton. She said Hamish Hamilton has submitted the draft of the memoir, *Sir Vidia's Shadow in Hawaii*—Naipaul's first names are Vidiahar Surajprasad—to lawyers. "We don't know yet how much might have to be cut," Thornton said. "Partly we're just being extremely cautious. Partly it's a question of V.S. Naipaul's copyright. Some of the e-mails exchanged between him and Paul Theroux are his. He has copyright. So we have to be cautious."

Their quarrel began in spring 1996, shortly after the death of Naipaul's first wife, Patricia, when he suddenly married a 38-year-old Pakistani newspaper columnist.

When Nadira moved into Naipaul's London apartment and country cottage—styling herself as Lady Naipaul, although her husband does not use the title he received for services to literature in 1990—she cleared out hundreds of books.

Among the works she sent off to the antique-book dealers for auction were several of Theroux's first editions, complete with affectionate inscriptions to his friend Vidia. Hurt and insulted, Theroux dispatched a heated fax to his old friend. Nadira answered it.

"The dispute started six months ago, Theroux cut off all communication and decided to write a book about the friendship instead."

"It is a very complex work. It does not shy away either from the debt he felt he owed Vidia or the anger he feels about the past two years," an associate of Theroux told *The Sunday Times*. "The faxes are red hot. Neither side was backward in saying what they thought." Theroux and Naipaul first became friends in 1966 while working as teachers at Makerere University in Uganda.

"He [Naipaul] never gave a lecture: I don't think he set foot in the department. He developed a reputation as a crank, but he woke me up," Theroux has



V.S. Naipaul

said. "He was the first good writer I ever met. It is almost impossible to overestimate the importance of Naipaul's friendship at that time."

The remote and publicity-shy Naipaul has not commented on Theroux's memoir. A British citizen born in Trinidad of an Indian family, he has been based in London since he began writing in 1954. Although his books—including *A House for Mr. Biswas*, and *In a Free State*, which won Britain's Booker Prize in 1971—return repeatedly to the themes of alienation, mistrust, rootlessness, mockery and self-deception, the 65-year-old Naipaul has usually kept out of literary disputes.

But literary London is prone to them. Recent squabbles have included last fall's falling-out between two of the country's most famous novelists, Salman Rushdie and spy novelist John Le Carré, which filled national newspapers with mutual outpourings of invective for weeks. Rushdie called Le Carré an "illiterate pompous ass," while Le Carré called Rushdie a "self-canonizing, arrogant colonialist." That spat, played out in letters to the editor, was ostensibly about freedom of speech and respect for religion, although personal grudges lurked just below the surface.

Such grudges were even more openly displayed in a quarrel a few years ago between Martin Amis and Julian Barnes after Amis fired his agent, Pat Kavanagh, Barnes's wife.

The *Sunday Times* suggested that the literati would now take up arms on behalf of either Naipaul or Theroux. It said Theroux would rely for support on American friends such as Bill Buford, the former editor of *Granta* magazine who now heads the fiction department at the *New Yorker* magazine. Naipaul would likely be championed by such friends as playwright Harold Pinter and his wife, author Lady Antonia Fraser.

Theroux is no stranger to feuds. The most infamous was two years ago, when his older brother Alexander, also a writer, claimed that Paul affected a "fake British accent," was a "possession snob" and a "grumpy and oddly fussy traveler." Theroux shrugs off suggestions that he is prickly or irascible.

"Dyspeptic" is another one they use. ... I don't know how to take it. But I think that what people call grumpy, prickly or dyspeptic is really a misunderstanding of irony. Because a lot of irony looks like dyspepsia," he said in an Internet interview with *Salon* magazine. "Irony looks like prickliness. But actually it's just another form of humor, isn't it? It's veiled sarcasm. I think the people who read my books and like them—and there are plenty of them—wouldn't read me if I were merely a bad-tempered person."

At Hamish Hamilton, where Naipaul's books are published as Penguin paperbacks, there is clear relief that the two men have not had a chance to cross paths.

"Paul Theroux no longer lives in England. He's been in Hawaii and update New York for some time," Thornton said. "So there have been no direct clashes, no punches thrown at the reception desk or anything like that."

(Los Angeles Times)

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Apart from her elegiac portrait of Diana, Burchill is exploding like a supernova this year with her memoirs, *I Knew I Was Right* (Heinemann), and another novel *Married Alive* (Richard Cohen). She's also started a new column for the *Guardian*. She's been writing since she was 17, never went to university, and refers to herself as a one woman "vaudeville act."

GILES FODEN, deputy literary editor of the *Guardian*, wrote his first novel about ex-Ugandan strongman Idi Amin. Called *The Last King of Scotland* (apparently one of Amin's self-dubbed titles), the book argues that however reprehensible a wicked person is, he can also be charismatic and charming.

Foden injects a fictional Scottish doctor, Nicholas Garrigan, into Amin's story. As the dictator's private physician, Garrigan gave the author a way of "bringing Africa back home, and of looking at the break-up of the Union in Britain and relationship of that to the Empire."

Foden spent a significant chunk of his boyhood living in African countries, including Uganda. His Amin story first appeared in the literary magazine *Granta*. He gets up at 5:30 a.m. to write, and says, "My colleagues [at the *Guardian*] are ridiculously generous and understanding of my bad temper when I've been writing too

much at home."

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David Brauner

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Clinton's sanctions allergy

President Bill Clinton is thought of, deservedly, as one of the greatest friends Israel has ever had in the White House. But the fact that he vetoed the Iran Missile Proliferation Sanctions Act with the best of intentions does not change the grave consequences for the United States and its allies, principally Israel.

It has been fashionable in Washington policy circles lately to question the effectiveness of economic sanctions and to accuse Congress of "sanctions addiction." One congressional foe of economic sanctions has pointed out that half the international sanctions that have been imposed in the last 80 years were passed in the last five. A case can be made that sanctions, particularly unilateral ones that are ignored by the rest of the world, are not the answer to every international problem.

But just as even paranoids sometimes have enemies, sanctions cannot be categorically dismissed as a foreign policy tool. Sometimes even broad, unilateral sanctions are effective over the long term, such as the Jackson-Vanik restrictions on trade with the Soviet Union, which eventually helped open the floodgates for Soviet Jews. An even stronger case can be made for sanctions that are narrowly targeted against a sufficiently threatening activity.

The Iran Missile Proliferation Sanctions Act clearly fits the bill, in that it is directly focused upon institutions or companies that are aiding Iran's missile program. If anything, the bill is surprisingly restrained, given what is at stake. The bill does not threaten a single foreign aid dollar going to Russia, nor US support for a reported \$10 billion IMF bailout for Russia that is reportedly in the works. The only real sanction in the bill is to deny "dual-use" (i.e. military and civilian) exports directly to any entity, in any country, that is aiding Iran's missile program.

In arguing that the new law is unnecessary, Clinton points to a Russian executive order issued in January and to implementing regulations issued in May. But no one seriously believes that these steps would have been taken without the threat of sanctions. Now the Clinton veto has removed the threat of sanctions, even though the flow of Russian missile technology to Iran has not stopped. According to a report this week in *The Washington Times*, National Security Adviser Sandy Berger told Russian security officials on May 8 that "one and one-

half years after President Yeltsin told President Clinton that ballistic missile transfers to Iran would stop, it still continues."

This is not an academic issue. A regime named by the US State Department as "the most active state sponsor of terrorism" is not just acquiring, but developing the ability to manufacture missiles that can reach Israel bearing weapons of mass destruction. Without Russian or Chinese assistance, Iran's quest for the world's most dangerous weapons would not cease, but valuable time would be gained.

The timing of the Clinton veto - on the eve of his visit to China - only serves to heighten the president's proliferation problem. On June 11, an official who until recently headed the CIA's Non-Proliferation Center testified to Congress that Chinese exports of weapons-related technologies to Pakistan and Iran "have not abated." The official also revealed that the intelligence community is "discouraged" by the Clinton administration's denial of such evidence in order to avoid imposing sanctions on China.

Congress may be addicted to sanctions, but Clinton seems to be allergic to them. From Russia, to China, to the withering sanctions against Iraq, the Clinton administration is evincing a tendency to conduct foreign policy as an aspect of domestic politics. But on the trip to China, the president deserves bipartisan support. In the present global turmoil, nothing is to be gained by turning China into an enemy; much by exploring potential areas of common interest.

Unfortunately, too many Republicans have substituted China for the collapsed Soviet Union and seek to deal with it by the methods that accelerated the collapse of the Soviet empire: diplomatic confrontation, economic ostracism and ideological warfare. Too many Democrats act as if the principal goal of American policy should be to replicate our institutions and principles in China, even at the cost of our many other interests at stake in Asia and without regard for the complexities of Chinese history.

Still, each group has raised a number of serious issues. Chinese proliferation of missile and some nuclear technology has been worrisome (though less so than that of countries with which we continue to cultivate friendly relations, such as Russia). Chinese human-rights practices have often fallen far short of desirable standards. Clearly, if China continues to grow at anything like the rate of the past two decades, it will be in a stronger position to oppose American interests politically.

No serious student of history can doubt that the emergence of China as a world power presents a serious challenge to American foreign policy. Such a process is never smooth. Yet it will not go away by railing against it. It must be in our interest that China emerge as a responsible member of the international community with interest in regional and global stability and progress.

It is an abdication to base America's policy toward China on the assumption that US actions and policies cannot affect the evolution of Chinese politics, or that China is destined to be congenitally hostile to American interests. Such a course could lead to a disastrous self-fulfilling prophecy. In its 5,000-year history of independence, China has resisted foreign pressures with extraordinary tenacity and intelligence. Do we really want to turn the world's most populous nation and second largest economy into an enemy at a time when Japan is in economic crisis, South Asia is entering the nuclear age, Indonesia is in turmoil, the Russian revolution is uncertain, the Persian Gulf unsettled and the Balkans on the brink of war? Should we treat China as an enemy when it has, on the whole, behaved responsibly on most of these issues?

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For closer ties

HENRY A. KISSINGER

I cannot recall when a president has left on a major foreign trip amidst so much controversy.

The right-wing of the Republican Party and the left-wing of the Democratic Party either oppose the trip to China or state conditions for it that are more compatible with confrontation than with stabilizing, much less improving, the relationship with the world's most populous country and second largest economy.

I have often been critical of the foreign policy of the Clinton administration, disturbed about its discomfort with the role power plays in international affairs - most recently in the calamitous handling of the Gulf crisis - and dismayed with its tendency to conduct foreign policy as an aspect of domestic politics. But on the trip to China, the president deserves bipartisan support. In the present global turmoil, nothing is to be gained by turning China into an enemy; much by exploring potential areas of common interest.

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congressional measures and of some of our public discourse? Why shouldn't the differences be the subject of a serious diplomatic dialogue? Are we so unsure of ourselves that we assume that such an approach is bound to fail to achieve our objectives?

Before going further, let me state that I head a consulting firm that advises a few clients with business interests in China. Anyone who believes that my views are for sale should stop reading here.

IT IS important to understand the distinction between the old Soviet Union and today's China. The

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Soviet Union avowed an ideology fundamentally hostile to our values, actively propagated it around the world and backed it up by supporting communist revolutionary parties bent on undermining the domestic cohesion of governments friendly to the United States.

Moscow had deployed thousands of missiles and tens of thousands of warheads capable of reaching the United States. And it espoused a foreign policy that directly challenged American interests, occasionally including the threat of force.

None of this has been true of America's relations with China. Though Beijing describes its ideology as communist, in practice it bears no similarity to Moscow's Stalinist state-run economy. The economy in China is increasingly market-oriented; Beijing is making strenuous efforts to get rid of its state-run enterprises; its reform depends crucially on linking China to the world economy. China supports no political movement hostile to American interests and, except for Taiwan, does not challenge the existing world order.

There are overwrought scenarios that sketch an increasing Chinese military threat to the United States. Thirteen missiles are reported to be aimed at American cities and Chinese anti-missile systems are supposed to pose a threat to the US navy. But can one seriously believe that China will take on the United States with 13 obsolescent liquid-fueled missiles in the face of 2,000 American strategic weapons and perhaps 15,000 warheads, not to speak of the thousands of ship-based warheads on cruise missiles and US planes on aircraft carriers?

No doubt, Chinese military capacity will grow in tandem with its economic development. But it will not be a global military power for at least a quarter of a century. Is the United States so unsure of its capacity to maintain its supremacy that we must take pre-emptive action based on hypothetical perspectives?

Little in China's current or even historical performance justifies such an assumption. China's responsible conduct in the Asian crisis has demonstrated its interest in the region's economic and political stability. It has resisted strong pressures to devalue its currency, has kept its promise not to suppress political expression and has supported the American objective of maintaining stability on the Korean peninsula.

China has adhered to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, as well as test-ban, biological and chemical-weapons conventions. It follows most of the guidelines of the Missile Technology Control Regime (though it is not a signatory) and the US has some legitimate complaints in this area.

China has extended some nuclear help to Pakistan in ways that we cannot condone. But its purpose was not mischief-making, as is often alleged, but to establish some balance of power on the Indian subcontinent after the

Indians tested nuclear explosives in 1974.

SHOULD all this progress be jettisoned for the sake of preventing what China might do 25 years from now? Undoubtedly, if China continues to grow at the rate of the past 20 years, it will become perhaps the most powerful country in Asia. Its impact on its neighbors would magnify. But do we really want a showdown now to block what is inherent in the existence of China rather than its policies?

It would be an unprecedented objective of American foreign policy to prevent the emergence of any potential major power. Such a neo-imperialist course would, sooner or later, unite China with the rest of the world against us.

No country has ever grown indefinitely at China's recent rate. And China is not doing so at this moment. But were Beijing, at whatever juncture, to pursue hegemonic policies, it would have to contend around its borders with many states of considerable strength. A wise America could forge a determined resistance among them. Which is the better course: to make Chinese hostility a self-fulfilling prophecy by the confrontational and provocative measures now being advocated; or to seek to establish a cooperative pattern at a moment when Chinese leaders seem uniquely receptive to it?

A cooperative relationship should be given a chance, and the president's trip should be the occasion for working on the substance of such a relationship. Neither side should act as if the visit itself is a concession or an opportunity to gain a unilateral advantage.

The following principles should guide the presidential trip: The United States and China are two great powers seeking to adjust potential differences and to fortify common purposes. The test of the meeting is the ability to harmonize interests and to take the sting out of disagreements. The key principle is reciprocity.

High priority must be given to encouraging restraint in troubled regions of Asia, especially in the Korean peninsula and the Indian subcontinent.

The two sides should strengthen their efforts to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and missile technology.

Efforts by both countries to calm the economic crisis in Asia should be coordinated to the greatest extent possible. This implies a full discussion of trade relations.

For its part, China needs to do much more to create an open and free market and to take effective measures to reduce its growing trade surplus with America.

China must recognize that human-rights pressures are not generally intended as instruments of harassment but reflect America's deepest values and necessities. No administration that fails to take account of this reality can maintain public support.

For China, Taiwan is the most sensitive issue. It cannot be put aside, and a realistic discussion is essential. To China, Taiwan is not a foreign country but a secessionist province. It must therefore be handled with great sensitivity.

Six US presidents from both parties have affirmed the unity of China and rejected a two-China or China-Taiwan solution. The same presidents have endorsed peaceful resolution of the issue.

The United States has therefore an implied obligation to oppose Taiwanese independence or membership in the UN or its institutions made up of sovereign states. Within that framework, constructive, close US-Taiwan relations should be maintained.

The above agenda defines the president's trip as an opportunity to point Sino-American relations in a positive direction. Keeping the journey from turning into nothing more than a photo opportunity is a matter of choice, not necessity. And for the critics at home, the time has come to give the relationship a chance before we throw ourselves into a new set of confrontations that guarantee decades of tensions with an uncertain outcome.

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The View From the East

DAOUD KUTTAB

Jerusalem

More than 30 years ago, the Israeli army conquered Palestinian and Arab lands in a war they have repeatedly insisted was a defensive war. Israeli leaders had always stated that they were ready for peace with their Arab neighbors and would give up territory for peace.

Israel's defense minister at the time, Moshe Dayan, repeatedly said that he was waiting for a phone call from the leaders of the surrounding Arab countries.

Today, Arab leaders have not only phoned but have met, negotiated and even signed declarations of principles and peace agreements. But most of the Arab lands continue to be controlled and occupied by Israel.

Nowhere is this absolute Israeli control over Arab land more evident than in East Jerusalem. Defying the United Nations and the world community, Israel has illegally annexed the Arab city to Israel and has systematically worked on depopulating East Jerusalem from its Palestinian population.

This has been done by unilateral actions, as well as continuous governmental and private support for Jewish settlement activities in the Palestinian sector of the city. Since 1967, Israel has expanded the city limits to include as much Arab land as as few Palestinians as possible.

The 1970s and 1980s witnessed a major push to settle as many Jews as possible on Arab land while denying Palestinians natural growth, housing expansion or economic development. In the 1990s the Israeli government added to the discrimination in housing policy by initiating a slow transfer policy and denying residency rights to Jerusalem's Palestinians by various administrative acts.

The Palestinian economy was further shattered by a policy which denied Palestinians from outside Jerusalem the freedom to travel into or through the city.

Despite all these measures against Palestinian Arabs of Jerusalem, the Oslo Accords promised a reprieve. In the Declaration of Principles signed in Washington on September 13, 1993, the state of Israel accepted that the issue of Jerusalem is negotiable and proposed that its status will be discussed during the

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permanent status talks.

This Israel-PLO agreement also called for both parties not to carry out unilateral actions that would threaten to adversely affect the result of the negotiations. But the Israelis never honored that agreement.

In 1997, they broke ground on a Palestinian hilltop in East Jerusalem, Jabel Abu Ghneim, to make room for 6,500 apartments exclusively for Jews. The Israeli act caused the breakup of negotiations with the Palestinians.

NOW, on the eve of a possible US-sponsored breakthrough, the Netanyahu government is once again flaunting Palestinian rights, signed agreements and world opinion by expanding the borders of the city with the express reason of affecting the demographic balance of Jerusalem.

For years, Palestinians knew that Israel had a secret directive to keep the Palestinian population in Jerusalem under 28 percent. This week, the Israeli government publicly announced this racist policy. Speaking to the press, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Mayor Ehud Olmert stated that the expansion of the city is aimed at keeping the Palestinian population under 30 percent.

Mr. Netanyahu can repeat ad nauseum that this recent decision has no political connotation, and he might think he can fool the world by his paternalistic attitude that the aim of this new plan is to provide better municipal service to Jews and Arabs. No one is being fooled. Most Palestinians are not allowed to enter Jerusalem today. In the past couple of years hundreds have lost their birthright to live in the city.

Those who dared to defy discriminatory housing policies, by building on their own land, have found their dwelling places turned to rubble.

Israeli action is making the most basic principle of the peace process - land for peace - worthless. American attempts at getting the Israelis to carry out part of their commitments to withdraw from Palestinian territory is getting nowhere.

Jerusalem is a holy city to Jews, Christians and Muslims. Palestinians and Israelis live in Jerusalem. The way ahead in the city is not for any party to be in exclusive control and force itself on the other parties. The answer to the future of Jerusalem is spelled S-h-a-r-i-n-g.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TEACHERS' RESPONSIBILITY

Sir. - In the sad, tragic story of nine-year-old Amelia Cohen, we have not heard one word condemning the teachers or the principal.

It is possible that these "care-takers" to whom we hand over our precious children, do not understand that they are responsible for the well-being of the children in their care?

Bars on the windows are very important, but as it has been pointed out, the bars were only to prevent theft or burglary, not to protect pupils.

According to the children, the case of Amelia was neither the first nor the only case of a child standing on the second-floor window sill, throwing things down to other children below.

How is it possible that the principal or any of the teachers were not aware of this and put an end to it immediately. It was clearly their responsibility.

LEAH BELOOSESKY

Givatayim.

TM IS A CULT

Sir. - In your article entitled "Transcendental TM" (June 15) you write about "Maharishi Yoga, founder of the worldwide movement dedicated to the achievement of global peace." Actually "Transcendental Meditation" is a well known and highly deceptive cult.

A 1977 ruling in the US District Court of New Jersey (which was later upheld by US Court of Appeals) clearly states that "TM and its teachings... are all religious in nature."

A religion we are talking about here is good old-fashioned Hindu idol-worship dressed up with pseudo-scientific jargon. It involves belief in Hindu gods, demons, "devas" - Hindu spirits of nature, bowing down to a picture of a guru and presenting him with an offering while singing a hymn to at least 20 Hindu gods, etc.

As far as their "scientific" claims go, Dennis E. Roark, former head of the physics department of Maharishi International University, wrote that the university's investigators perpetrated various fraudulent "scientific" studies of their programs' alleged beneficial effect.

In Sun, as Lawrence Tabak of *Moment* magazine phrased it most adequately, "...endorsement of cure-all elixirs for the evils of the world... governed by a smiling Maharishi. That is not any longer a technique: that is a cult."

A. BEN-HORIN

Jerusalem.

PALESTINIAN PROOF

Sir. - The quotation from al-Ayyam in your Palestinian Press Review (June 22), concerning the proposed referendum on withdrawal - "The Palestinians, may, for example, say that they want to have a referendum on the issue of cancelling of the Palestinian National Covenant" - proves the government's contention that the covenant has not been canceled, as

required by the Oslo Agreement. My suggestion to the Palestinians is to hold such a referendum, the result of which may prove to the world that they have no intention of living in peace with Israel.

BERNARD LIPSCHITZ

Kibbutz Rosh Hanikra.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On June 25, 1933, *The Palestine Post* reported on further police investigation into the murder of Dr. Chaim Arlosoroff.

50 years ago: On June 25, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that widespread arrests of IZL and Revisionist party members continued and scores of persons

were detained, many of them later released. The crisis which followed the *Altalena* tragedy ended when the provisional council of government adopted - by 24 votes to four (with five abstentions) - what amounted to a vote of confidence in the cabinet.

25 years ago: On June 25,

1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that the government had announced a three-month price freeze on all subsidized foodstuffs, while manufacturers and other sectors of the economy would not be allowed to increase their prices without permission.

Alexander Zvielli

Weekender



Robert de Niro as Lustig, (the Magwitch character), in the updated version of Great Expectations.

Great expectations in Florida and New York

By SHAI TSUR

Movies based on books are big business these days. Since its earliest days, the film industry has turned to the world of literature as a primary source of inspiration, and adaptations of literary works account for some of the greatest classics in film history.

The latest literary work to hit local movie screens is director Alfonso Cuarón's rather loose adaptation of the Charles Dickens's classic *Great Expectations*.

Dickens's tale of Pip, a young man of modest means who falls in love with the wealthy Estella, has been translated to the screen some ten times since its first film adaptation in 1917. The current version stands out for its choice of location.

Instead of setting the film in 19th-century England, Cuarón and screenwriter Mitch Glazer placed the film in modern-day Florida and New York. While far from a faithful adaptation, Cuarón's film has been praised for its beautiful set pieces and elegant cinematography.

But the change in venue is not the only liberty Cuarón takes with the Dickens's classic. In this newest version of *Great*

Expectations, young Pip is Finnegan "Finn" Bell (Ethan Hawke), a young orphan with a talent for painting. Finn is taken in by a wealthy benefactor, Mrs. Dinsmoor (Anne Bancroft), and consequently falls in love with her niece Estella (Gwyneth Paltrow). The children are inevitably separated.

Twenty years later, the two run into each other by chance in a park in New York. As Finn rises to prominence in the New York art scene, his love affair with Estella develops enigmatically against the theme of big money and strange machinations.

The decision to modernize *Great Expectations* is notable, since, with the exception of *A Christmas Carol*, Dickens's works have generally not proven amenable to this type of treatment. The author's works are usually played straight, as period costume dramas.

In any case, the updated version of *Great Expectations* rides a mini-trend in the film industry bent on modernizing the classics.

For example, Amy Heckerling's *Clueless* presented a loose adaptation of Jane Austen's *Emma*. The movie altered Austen's comedy of manners and turned it into a light-hearted look at the social mores of rich Hollywood high schoolers.

While retaining Austen's overall plot and ideas, the film translated the classic work into an accessible vehicle for young moviegoers. By avoiding heavy-handedness, Heckerling's movie won over both critics and the audience.

William Shakespeare is also easily adapted to other dramatic forms and has been continuously modernized. Perhaps the most famous example is *West Side Story*, Leonard Bernstein's take on *Romeo and Juliet* which became a classic both on the stage and on the screen.

Shakespeare's works are the source of several recent movies that are placed in various historical contexts.

On the more reverent end of the scale is Kenneth Branagh's four-hour note-by-note version of *Hamlet* moved to the early 19th century. Less faithful is Ian McKellan's version of *Richard III*, an exposition of Thirties-era European fascism.

The most radical of the recent Shakespeare adaptations is director Baz Luhrmann's MTV-style *Romeo and Juliet*. Luhrmann, a video director by training, interpreted the story of Romeo (Leonardo DiCaprio) and Juliet (Claire Danes) as the tale of rival Los Angeles street gangs.

The fast-moving cinematogra-

phy gives Shakespeare a slick, urban gloss and purists may have been appalled at the concept of Shakespeare as a hip-hop hero for kids wearing baggy pants and backwards baseball caps. But *Romeo and Juliet* proved to be a considerable success. The movie made money worldwide, buoyed by the wave of young female moviegoers who would later make *Titanic* a hit.

Romeo and Juliet, however, appears to be the exception to the rule. Other Shakespearean adaptations did not fare remotely as well. Nor did *Great Expectations*, which received a lukewarm reception and quickly disappeared from the screens.

The relative box office failure of these adaptations appears to prove that moviegoers are not necessarily interested in experimentation with classic literature.

The relative popularity of the faithful adaptations over the modernized ones may indicate that there is a basic problem in grafting plots grounded in a set of historical social norms onto modern-day reality. Or else, perhaps audiences may prefer to be transported back in time through the magic of the cinema.

Other factors may also play a part in the success or failure of the modern adaptations. This can be

seen by comparing *Romeo and Juliet* to *Great Expectations*.

Both are tragic love stories featuring attractive young stars in lead roles. Both feature well-known actors (Anne Bancroft, Robert De Niro, Pete Postlethwaite) in colorful secondary roles. Both movies benefited from slick marketing campaigns as well as heavily touted soundtracks featuring top Generation-X bands.

And yet one movie connected with the young (mostly female) filmgoers and became a success, while the other went quietly to the video shelves.

Does this indicate that Dickens's theme of British class struggle does not resonate when transposed onto the landscape of post-industrial 20th-century America? Or does it merely mean that DiCaprio is that much cuter than Hawke?

The relatively weak draw for *Great Expectations* and the non-DiCaprio Shakespeare movies seem to indicate that modern adaptations of literary works will continue to constitute only a minority of films.

The success of a movie such as *Clueless* may very well mean that in the future, directors looking to update a classic will keep these adaptations light and loose.

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Image of Woman and *In the Fifth Season*. In the second part of the evening, Raz's students will read some of their work. 8 p.m.

And Points Beyond

Enjoy comedy and blues on Friday night with the ubiquitous and hilarious Orna Banai who performs her comedy routine at Kiryat Chaim's Beit Nagler, starting at 10 p.m. (04) 838-4777.

At Mishmar Ha'Emek on Friday night, Roni Peterson and his Blues Band pluck the strings, starting at 9 p.m. Call 050-516-617.

Saturday evening is no reason to let up: Rishon Letzion's Moffet venue is hosting blue comedy by Jubilee Theater. The show, entitled *Aluf Habegidol* (The Champion of Betrayal), is written and directed by Yoav Zilberg and including a performance by Uri Vardi from *Rama Aviv Gimmet* and Dorit Peleg. Starts at 9:30 p.m. Call (03) 969-6701 for tickets. Don't bring the kids to this sassy show!

All that Jazz

By SONIE LEMOR

Imagine yourself at a cocktail party held at a privately owned museum. The V.I.P.s are lounging about with a Havana cigar and a glass of wine and university students are hanging around trying to look cultured. Such is the scene at the Bible Lands Museum's annual jazz festival, on Saturday nights until August 15 in the courtyard of the museum.

The Bible Lands Museum is a privately owned collection of archeological artifacts connected with Judaism, the history of the People of Israel, and the land of Israel. The museum's design and architecture are beautiful and serene. You have to go through the museum to get to the lovely courtyard. Once there, a little bar-type area on the left serves light refreshments, beer and wine. If you are coming with a group of friends, I recommend arriving early in the evening to ensure yourself a table. The music starts at 9:30 p.m. and continues into the late-night hours. The line up is quite impressive, including well-known Israeli jazz musicians such as drummer Arak Kaminsky.

The evening I spent at the Bible Lands Museum was most enjoyable. I sat at a table with several friends, laughing in the fresh air, eating sweet watermelon and mingling with acquaintances. The music was great, with an upbeat sort of rhythm and played brilliantly.

This is the second time we have put on a production of this sort, says Ofer, the production manager. "Last year was such a success that even before announcing the dates of the festival, the museum was being bombarded by calls asking if and when we were planning another festival. This response is very encouraging."

The response is also well deserved and having been at last year's festival, this year's is even better says jazz enthusiast Michal Artzi-Masbiach.

"I had a really good time," she adds. "Last year was really cool, but this year things seem to be more organized, which makes the experience more enjoyable."

The jazz fest started on June 13, and will continue for another two months. Entrance fees are reasonable at NIS 35 including a glass of wine, and NIS 30 with a current student ID. For information, call: (02) 561-1066

Jazz Festival, Bible Lands Museum,
25 Granot Street, Jerusalem

New Orleans on my mind

Band leader Stan Ross talks about his favorite Dixielanders

Stan Ross is a tall, fine looking Scotsman who plays the trumpet, New Orleans Dixieland style, instead of the bagpipes. The foot tapping music he and his band The Stompers makes is known and loved all over the country.

"There is nothing like Dixieland Jazz," says Stan. "When you hear it, you just have to get up and dance. We play music that people can hum and tunes that make them happy."

People's toes have been tapping and feet set to dancing since Stan formed the band shortly after he and his wife Irene made aliyah from Manchester in 1982. It was sixteen years ago that Stan put a notice up on the Mevasseret Absorption Center bulletin board which read: "Wanted: Dixieland Enthusiasts."

Today The Stompers are the oldest, most established Dixieland band in Israel, and have the distinction of being registered in the prestigious collection of World Jazz Bands in the Hogan Archives in New Orleans, Louisiana. Stan himself is a respected authority and lecturer on Dixieland Jazz.

Stan has chosen to talk about songs, songsters, and his hopes for the jubilee year. "Georgia, Georgia," reminisces Stan, "just an old sweet song keeps Georgia on my mind. For me, songs are an integral part of existence. Few people go through life without a song on their mind."

1. Louis Armstrong
"This man was my idol. He was a genius, a gifted artist who knew his songs, and that the words of a song are just as important as the melody. The words give the trumpet player an extra grip on the tune. As he plays, he enunciates the notes, and can then improvise off of them. Armstrong's sense of timing was flawless, and his voice could imitate a trumpet or take off in a flight of scar singing."

2. Jimmy Durante
He started off his career as a pianist in a jazz band, and wrote some great tunes. I believe he got it right with his song whose lyrics are, "You gotta start off each day with a song—even when things go wrong." Called the Shnozzle, Jimmy was certainly very ugly. Nevertheless, he had such great talent that he turned this fact on its head, and will always be remembered as a great entertainer and an inspiration to others."

3. Jelly Roll Morton
"Jelly Roll lived from about 1900 until the early 1940s. He was a tremendous piano player and one of the first jazz composers. He wrote about 100 different tunes,



each having three of four themes. His songs 'Sidewalk Blues,' 'Kansas City Stomps,' and, of course, 'The Jelly Roll Blues' form the backbone of jazz repertoire. Jelly Roll was a colorful character whose words are as uplifting as his melodies. Take, for instance, the lyrics to his song 'Dr. Jazz.' 'Hello, Central, give me Dr. Jazz. He's got what I need. I know he has,' to put some spice in your life and make you feel better."

4. Kid Ory
"Kid Ory developed the famous New Orleans tailgate style of trombone playing, which is the style the Stompers trombonist, Amnon Ben Artzi, uses. In the early days of jazz, the musicians in New Orleans would advertise their band while traveling around the countryside on a horse drawn wagon. The trombone player always sat on the tailgate so that he would have ample room to move his slide in and out. Kid Ory was born in La Place, Louisiana, just outside of New Orleans. When he was eleven years old, he formed the first all black band from New Orleans to record. The story goes that he was paid \$4 for his famous 'Muskrat Ramble,' but he had a successful career and his memory lives on until today."

5. Turk Murphy
"Trombonist Turk Murphy is another of my great favorites. During World War II he was one of the leaders of the New Orleans Jazz Revival style and established the swinging sounds of jazz in San Francisco. As a matter of fact, the city was so proud of him that a street is named in his honor. He formed a band with the great Lu Watters called Yerba Buena, The Good Earth. Together they revived the sounds of New Orleans jazz with a fresh approach and professional presentation."

- Sarah Hershenson

Hot tips

By DALIA SCHEINDLIN

Tel Aviv

Festivals, festivals everywhere, and not a one to be missed! Two radically different countrywide celebrations burst onto the scene this weekend. The most widely appealing activity is the 13th International Folklore and Dance Festival, which sweeps through the country with 350 dancers from 13 countries, including Belgium, Sicily, Australia, South Africa, Taiwan, Kazaksan, Kamchatka, Bolivia, and Costa Rica. The opening ceremonies take

place tonight at the Suzanne Dellal Center. The festival continues through July 9 in other cities and throughout the Galilee and Golan. Lots of free events, parades, and similar summery things.

Meanwhile, rappers and rap fans are in heaven this week as Hip Hop grips the streets. Shows sponsored by the British Council and Camelot will take place in Haifa, Tel Aviv, Hatzor, Jerusalem and Holon. This weekend features Esek Shahor (Black Business): tonight at Kibbutz Hatzor (08) 857-9623 (see Points Beyond), Friday night in Jerusalem at the Orion (02) 625-0291 and Saturday night in Holon at the Chevrolet (03) 558-0881. Other main attractions are the American group Babee Power, New York's DJ GABIE, Rahzel - Godfather of Noyze, and the Israeli groups Snakefish, The 8 Team, and the Shabaks.

But if you need a cure for the Friday night blues and rap is out, see Daily Blues of the Chicago Blues at Camelot, 16 Shalom Aleichem, starting at 11:30 p.m.

(03) 528-5222.

And if we're talking mellow, consider the Saturday night celebration of Edith Piaf's music. Entitled *Femme Fatale* of the French Chansons, the evening consists of several activities, such as: director Avi Coren and singer Shula Chen perform and discuss the theme "The Life, the Songs, and the Women"; Singer Kati Sandrovich, pianist Shai Ben Yaakov and Tel Aviv University's Dennis Sharvit consider "Piaf and French Culture." Starts at 9 p.m. at Enav Center. Call (03) 521-7763.

Never to be neglected, Israeli music also makes a comeback with Yehoram Gaon on Friday night. Gaon will play songs from his latest album at Noga Theater in Jaffa. Starts at 10:00 p.m., call (03) 604-4725.

And lest anyone dare to tire of music in the country's culture capital, comedy saves the day! Catch Rina and Adina on Saturday night for their 1000th performance of *How are You?* This comedy/entertainment show with two talented women is playing at the ZOA

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Weekender Food & Drink



(Creators Syndicate)

Incredible crumb cakes

From one basic mixture spring eight easy crumb cakes

By JEAN KRESSY

Crumb cakes have a lowly moniker, but don't be misled. They may not strut like chiffon or conceal their identity behind a tempting veil of icing, but they are brimming with culinary class, and versatility.

Unlike other cakes, they can be served for breakfast, brunch, lunch, at bridge parties, for an after-dinner dessert, or as a late-night snack.

Their earthy, crumbly topping and honey taste and smell are irresistible. A crumb cake coming warm and sweet out of the oven — it doesn't get any better.

And it doesn't get any easier than using our recipes. That's because you only need to make one mixture of ingredients, which you then divide into two portions. While half the mixture becomes the basis for the crumb-cake batter, the other half is set aside and used as the topping.

Traditional crumb cakes call for a stick or more of butter, plus whole milk. We drastically reduced the amount of butter or margarine in ours and used low-fat milk, low-fat cream cheese, buttermilk, and ricotta cheese. Then we let the crumbs fall where they might, adding enlivening ingredients ranging from apples and cinnamon to apricots and coffee.

MOCHA CRUMB CAKE

1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup sugar
3 Tbsp. unsweetened cocoa
1 Tbsp. instant coffee granules
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup chilled stick margarine or butter, cut into small pieces
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 cup low-fat milk
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 large egg
Cooking spray
1/2 tsp. water

Preheat oven to 175°C

Lightly spoon flour into dry measuring cups, and level with a knife.

Combine flour and next 4 ingredients (flour through salt) in a mixing bowl, and cut in margarine with a pastry blender or two knives until mixture resembles coarse meal. Reserve 1/2 cup flour mixture for topping, and set aside.

Combine remaining flour mixture, baking powder, and baking soda; add milk, vanilla, and egg. Beat at medium speed of a mixer until blended.

Spoon batter into an 20 cm. round cake pan coated with cooking spray. Combine reserved 1/2 cup flour mixture and water; stir with a fork.

Sprinkle crumb mixture over batter. Bake at 175°C for 30 minutes or until cake springs back when touched lightly in center. Cool on a wire rack. (Serves 8)

LEMON-ROSEMARY CRUMB CAKE

1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup chilled stick margarine or butter, cut into small pieces
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 cup low-fat buttermilk
2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
1 large egg
Cooking spray
2 tsp. grated lemon rind
1/2 tsp. water
Rosemary sprigs (optional)
Lemon slices (optional)

Preheat oven to 175°C

Lightly spoon flour into dry measuring cups; level with a knife.

Combine flour, sugar, and salt in a bowl; cut in margarine with a pastry blender or two knives until mixture resembles coarse meal. Reserve 1/2 cup flour mixture for topping; set aside.

Combine remaining flour mixture, baking powder, and baking soda; add buttermilk, lemon juice, and egg. Beat at medium speed of a mixer until blended.

ture, rosemary, baking powder, and baking soda; add buttermilk, lemon juice, and egg. Beat at medium speed of a mixer until blended. Spoon batter into an 20 cm. round cake pan coated with cooking spray. Combine reserved 1/2 cup flour mixture, lemon rind, and water; stir with a fork. Sprinkle crumb mixture over batter. Bake at 175°C for 30 minutes. Cool on a wire rack. Garnish with rosemary sprigs and lemon slices, if desired. (Serves 8)

BANANA-COCONUT CRUMB CAKE

1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar
1/2 tsp. ground allspice
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 cup chilled stick margarine or butter, cut into small pieces
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 cup mashed ripe banana (1 medium banana)
3 Tbsp. low-fat milk
1 large egg
Cooking spray
1/2 cup flaked sweetened coconut
1 tsp. water

Preheat oven to 175°C

Lightly spoon flour into dry measuring cups; level with a knife. Combine flour, sugar, allspice, and salt in a bowl; cut in margarine with a pastry blender or two knives until mixture resembles coarse meal. Reserve 1/2 cup flour mixture for topping; set aside.

Combine remaining flour mixture, baking powder, and baking soda; add banana, milk, and egg. Beat at medium speed of a mixer until blended. Spoon batter into a 20-cm. round cake pan coated with cooking spray.

Combine reserved 1/2 cup flour mixture, coconut, and water; stir with a fork. Sprinkle crumb mixture over batter. Bake at 175°C for 30 minutes or until cake springs back when touched lightly in center. Cool on a wire rack. (Serves 8)

GINGERBREAD CRUMB CAKE

1 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ground ginger
1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. ground cloves
1/4 cup chilled stick margarine or butter, cut into small pieces
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 cup low-fat buttermilk
2 Tbsp. molasses
1 large egg
Cooking spray
1/2 tsp. water

Preheat oven to 175°C

Lightly spoon flour into a dry measuring cup, and level with a knife. Combine flour and next six ingredients (flour through cloves), and cut in margarine with a pastry blender or two knives until mixture resembles coarse meal. Reserve 1/2 cup flour mixture; set aside.

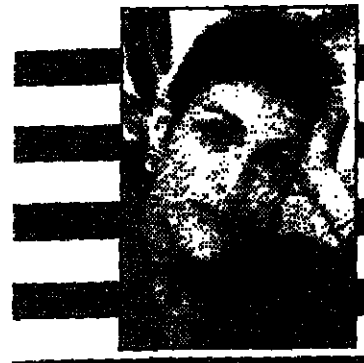
Combine the remaining flour mixture, baking powder, and baking soda, and add the buttermilk, molasses, and egg. Beat at medium speed of a mixer until blended.

Spoon into a 20-cm. round cake pan coated with cooking spray. Combine reserved 1/2 cup flour mixture and water; stir with a fork. Sprinkle over batter. Bake at 175°C for 30 minutes. Cool on a wire rack. (Serves 8)

APRICOT-ORANGE CRUMB CAKE

1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup chilled stick margarine or butter, cut into small pieces
3 Tbsp. tub-style light cream cheese
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 cup low-fat milk
3 Tbsp. part-skim ricotta cheese
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 tsp. grated orange rind

Preheat oven to 175°C



By PHYLLIS GLAZER

Phyllis's Tips

Stainless steel is long-wearing and does not migrate into foods.

For those wishing to acquire stainless steel pots, the Shekema and Hamashbir Department stores are now offering Soltam at a discount, probably until the end of the month. Soltam has four basic lines. Their "simple" pots are the most commonly known the least expensive. These two-layered pots are suitable for cooking on gas but not on electric ranges.

The company also offers three-layered spaghetti and soup pots (Topaz) for use on gas or electrical ranges, and a new very attractive line of large flatter pots (Lustra) designed with stainless steel handles that can be put in the oven. (I used them and loved them.)

Their top-of-the-line "designer" soup, spaghetti and smaller pots have tempered glass tops and are also three-layered. The last two categories were my personal favorites, and they are all manufactured locally. Soltam also has a special line of pots with a Badatz Hechsher. For information or customer services, call 177-022-9112.

Say cheese

One of France's leading Camembert cheeses is now sold here. Imported by Simon importers, Coeur de Lion is sold in the original thin wooden box. During the first 25 days after

production, the cheese is firm with a mild smell. From the 25th day it softens and has a more pronounced smell. It "lives" for up to 60 days. This cheese went over well with the family, who particularly like it younger and then melted. 250g is NIS 22.

Your bagels are numbered

(Good)
Bagel Bagel's product development department seems to be working overtime these days. Now that they already have alphabet shaped pretzels, whole wheat pretzels and others, they've added arithmetic bagels to their line. Although they're made with white flour (and I wish they were made like their great whole wheat bagels), they are low in fat and enriched with vitamins and minerals. Thirty grams contain 1/4 of the RDA for iron and vitamins for an adult. Sold in 100gr. packages at NIS 2.40 a package.

Date syrup

(Good)
Hatzor Kinneret has been trying to find a way to market their siltan date syrup that generally enjoys its market only on Pessah. This time they've come up with a winner. Packaged in a plastic maple-syrup-type bottle, it tastes good and is a suitable alternative to chocolate and other flavored syrups. It sells for NIS 12.80 a bottle.



By PHYLLIS GLAZER

I would like to know if Israel has something comparable to Monterey Jack cheese for use in Mexican recipes, especially enchiladas?

—Dennis Cogan, Jerusalem

According to my local authority on Mexican food, Chimichanga in Tel Aviv uses Tirani made by Thuya, but you can also use Gilboa or Emek.

Please can you let me know which type of white vinegar I should purchase to make pickles (onion and cucumbers) I wait in anticipation.

—Pam Woolf, Ra'anana

You can either use white wine vinegar, apple cider vinegar or what is most commonly used: citrus vinegar.

For the reader who questioned the spelling of "chop liver" — which, they pointed out, is popu-

larly known in Jewish cuisine as "chopped liver" — in my recent magazine article on Claudia Roden ("Culinary Queen," May 29 Magazine):

Oops! While I wrote the article, I didn't write the subheading. That belongs to my editor, who hails from a place in Long Island where they honestly say "chop liver." Can you believe it?!

About a month ago you mentioned a good local substitute for Italian Parmesan.

—Martin Lewak, Jerusalem

The cheese was "Piasse" by Meshek Markovitz. It is available in all supermarkets.

A READER WRITES

I've just returned to England after a holiday in Acre, where I read your column for the first time. Israel is a great country, and I loved reading *The Jerusalem Post*. My note is in response to Esther Hershkovitz's request for a microwave strawberry jam recipe. I've been making microwave jam for several years, and it sets beautifully. The recipe is simple, and is the same for all fruits. One kilo of fruit is a good batch size. Wash and drain the fruit, chop

if necessary, add an equal weight of sugar but no water, and heat carefully to boiling. This is the only risky part. If you use full power on dry fruit, you can scorch it. Stir occasionally until there's enough fruit juice to dissolve the sugar. Then set the microwave at a temperature that repeatedly brings the jam to the boil, but doesn't make it boil over. You can't give exact times for a microwave oven, of course, but I find that a kilo of fruit in a big uncovered bowl needs to boil for about 20 minutes.

For a real treat, use the same method for low-sugar jam. Use 500gr. sugar to a kilo of fruit. Long-term storage should be in sealed jars in the refrigerator, but it's so delicious (and healthy) that you're keeping it very long.

—Jean Norman, England

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Do not send stamped, self-addressed envelopes, as inquiries cannot be answered individually. Feedback also appears in *The Jerusalem Post Magazine* on Friday.

1 large egg
1/2 cup chopped dried apricots
Cooking spray
1/2 cup apricot preserves

Preheat oven to 175°C

Lightly spoon flour into dry measuring cups, and level with a knife. Combine flour, sugar, and salt in a mixing bowl, and cut in the margarine with a pastry blender or two knives until mixture resembles coarse meal. Reserve 1/2 cup flour mixture for topping; set aside.

Combine the remaining flour mixture, baking powder, and baking soda, and add the milk, ricotta cheese, vanilla extract, orange rind, and egg.

Beat the mixture at medium speed of a mixer until blended (batter will be lumpy), and fold in the chopped apricots. Spoon the batter into a 20-cm. round cake pan coated with cooking spray. Dot the batter with apricot preserves, and swirl the preserves into the batter using a knife. Sprinkle the reserved 1/2 cup flour mixture over the batter. Bake at 175°C for 30 minutes or until cake springs back when touched lightly in center. Cool the cake on a wire rack. (Serves 8)

APPLE-OATMEAL CRUMB CAKE

Any firm cooking apple can be substituted for the McIntosh apple in this recipe.

1 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup regular oats
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar
1/8 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. ground nutmeg
1/4 cup chilled stick margarine or butter, cut into small pieces
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 cup apple juice
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 large egg
1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped peeled McIntosh apple (about 2 apples)
Cooking spray
Preheat oven to 175°C

Lightly spoon flour into a dry measuring cup, and level with a knife. Combine the flour and next five ingredients (flour through nutmeg) in a bowl, and cut in the margarine with a pastry blender or two knives until the mixture resembles coarse meal. Reserve 1/2 cup flour mixture for topping; set aside.

Combine the remaining flour mixture, baking powder, and baking soda, and add the apple juice, vanilla extract, and egg. Beat the mixture at medium speed of a mixer until blended, and fold in the chopped apple.

Spoon the batter into a 20-cm. round cake pan coated with cooking spray, and sprinkle the reserved 1/2 cup flour mixture over the batter. Bake at 175°C for 30 minutes or until cake springs back when touched lightly in center. Cool the cake on a wire rack. (Serves 8)

CINNAMON CRUMB CAKE

1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup chilled stick margarine or butter, cut into small pieces
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 cup low-fat buttermilk
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 large egg
Cooking spray
Preheat oven to 175°C

Lightly spoon the flour into dry measuring cups, and level with a knife. Combine the flour, brown sugar, cinnamon, and salt in a bowl, and cut in margarine with a pastry blender or two knives until the mixture resembles coarse meal. Reserve 1/2 cup flour mixture for topping, and set aside.

Combine remaining flour mixture, baking powder, and baking soda, and add the buttermilk, vanilla, and egg. Beat at medium speed of a mixer until blended. Spoon batter into an 20-cm. round cake pan coated with cooking spray. Sprinkle reserved 1/2 cup flour mixture over batter. Bake at

175°C for 30 minutes or until cake springs back when touched lightly in center. Cool on a wire rack. (Serves 8)

RASPBERRY-ALMOND CRUMB CAKE

1 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup chilled stick margarine or butter, cut into small pieces
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 cup fat-free sour cream
2 Tbsp. low-fat milk
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1/2 tsp. almond extract
1 large egg
Cooking spray
90gr. block-style fat-free cream cheese, softened
2 Tbsp. sugar
1 large egg white
1/4 cup raspberry preserves
1/2 cup fresh raspberries
2 Tbsp. sliced almonds

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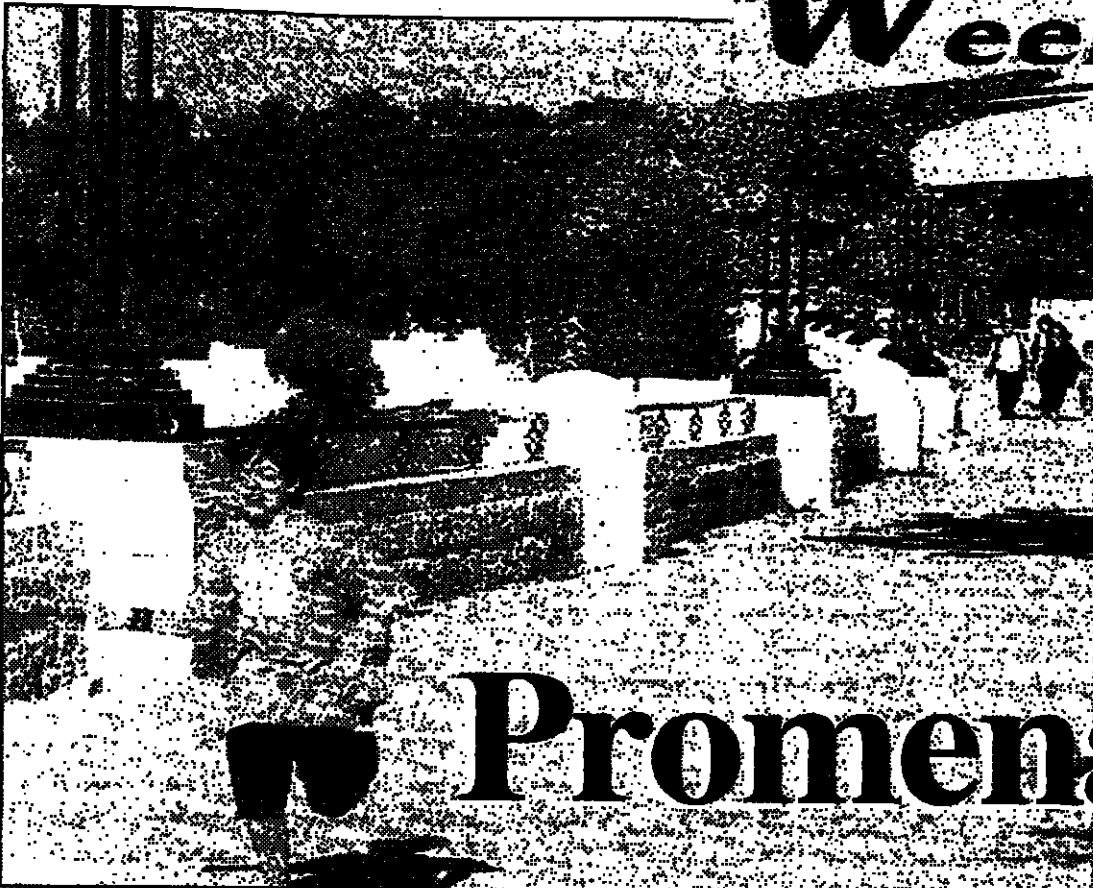
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Combine remaining flour mixture, baking powder, and baking soda, and add sour cream, milk, extracts, and egg. Beat at medium speed of a mixer until blended. Spoon the batter into a 20-cm. round cake pan coated with cooking spray.

Combine cream cheese, two Tbsp. sugar, and egg white; beat at medium speed until blended. Spread evenly over batter; dot with preserves. Top with raspberries. Combine the reserved 1/2 cup flour mixture and almonds. Sprinkle crumb mixture over raspberries. Bake at 175°C for 30 minutes or until cake springs back when touched lightly in center. Cool on a wire rack. (Serves 8)

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Weekender Travel



Promenade to the past

The Haas Promenade runs along the east-west ridge in the neighborhood of Armon HaNatziv.

Toward the west is beautifully laid-out terraced landscape, with paths weaving around the olive and pomegranate trees, bordered by lavender, rosemary and wild grasses.

Some remarkable views surround Jerusalem. But at the Haas and Sherover Promenades (known together simply as the Tayelet), in the southeastern section of the city, you get a sense of the formation of Jerusalem and see how it straddles a watershed and brushes the Judean Desert.

You can tread upon history from Herod to the Six-Day War. And it's a wonderful place to walk, jog, meditate, stare into space or ponder eternity.

The long Haas Promenade runs along the east-west ridge known as Armon HaNatziv, or Government House, after the compound in the pine grove at the eastern end which served as civilian headquarters during the British

Mandate (it later became and still serves as the local United Nations headquarters, prompting some to ponder the coincidence that this is the traditional site of the biblical

Other paths continue down into the Jewish National Fund's Peace Forest, where first-century burial caves are scattered among the stands of pine and dirt paths.

The angles of the stunning view shift with each curve of path, and the light at both dawn and dusk has a unique tone as it filters through the foliage. You can almost picture the psalmist forming words

while gazing north at the hills which cup the city like bony fingers: "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth and forever" (Psalm 125). And Psalm 122 - "O Jerusalem, built as a city that is compact together" - accurately describes how the gleaming Dome of the Rock on the Temple Mount

and the wall of the Old City before it are hemmed in by the Ben Hinnom Valley to the west and south, and the Kidron Valley to the east (a third, central valley, which would have cut past the Western Wall, has long since been filled).

A beautiful midrash states that Jerusalem is the mezuzah on the doorpost of God's kingdom, and the three valleys form the letter shin, which is always found on a mezuzah. The trench of the Kidron Valley, east and south of the Old City, where the original Jerusalem

of David was, can clearly be seen. The dry stream bank then cuts a channel through the buckled, stony hills of the Judean wilderness toward the Dead Sea in the east. The barrenness of that "land not sown," as Jeremiah phrased it, the yearly threat of devastating drought, has crouched throughout history beyond the Mt. of Olives like a desert cat, always ready to creep in.

Water has always been the key to survival here and a major challenge to every ruler. Along this ridge of the Tayelet runs an incredible system built by King Herod 2,000 years ago to meet that challenge.

To understand it, cross the main road south of the main parking lot of the Haas Promenade, near the UN compound, and slant left toward the landscaped park that looks over the terraced neighborhood of East Talpiot.

In the park below stands an awning over a mosaic, which illustrates how Herod increased the water supply to his expanded city of Jerusalem.

Channels from a series of springs at 820 meters, about 10km. south of Bethlehem, funneled water into the immense volume of Solomon's Pools, just south of Bethlehem. From there two more channels carried the water to the city and the Temple Mount, 735 meters high. From the springs to the Temple Mount, the straight distance was about 20km., with a decline of 85 meters.

But in this rumpled blanket of a landscape, the water channels had to follow the tortuous contours of the hills (or tunnel through them in several places) for a total of 68km.: 68 kilometers to cover a drop of some 85 meters, at a gradient of .1 percent!

The shaft incorporated by the

mosaic was one of several that sank some fifty meters to the horizontal tunnel that ran and still runs under the ridge line. The channel curves along the slope toward Abu Tor and Mt. Zion beyond, and a section of this system is exposed and visible below the Sherover Promenade.

This stark geography can influence the present as much as it did the past.

This ridge forms a narrow bridge between the valleys to the north and south, like the point where two sugar bowls might touch. From 1948 until 1967, a no-man's land ran between Israel and Jordan where the stone promenade now stretches, marked at the east end by the U.N. building.

During the Six-Day War, Jordanian forces attacked the UN compound from the east and headed across this ridge top toward the southern sector of Israeli Jerusalem. That attack triggered the first Israeli counterattack, along this same ridge, in the campaign that ultimately conquered Jerusalem.

Today, development attacks this scenic ridge top.

The nearby orchards of Kibbutz Ramat Rahel have been ripped up for the building of high-rise apartments. One more section of land is being swallowed, one more area disappearing.

But along these promenades, or below among the paths, you can gaze out at the Old City between its valleys and at the timeless haunch of wilderness and feel a sense of peace, separateness and space - which are becoming increasingly difficult to find - and momentarily forget the stone waves building up behind you.

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Close Encounters

By Allan Rabinowitz

Hill of Evil Counsel).

Below it and curving toward the west is the beautifully laid-out and well-tended terraced landscape, with paths weaving around the olive and pomegranate trees, bordered by lavender, rosemary and wild grasses.

This network blends in with the area of the Sherover Promenade and leads toward the neighborhood of Abu Tor.

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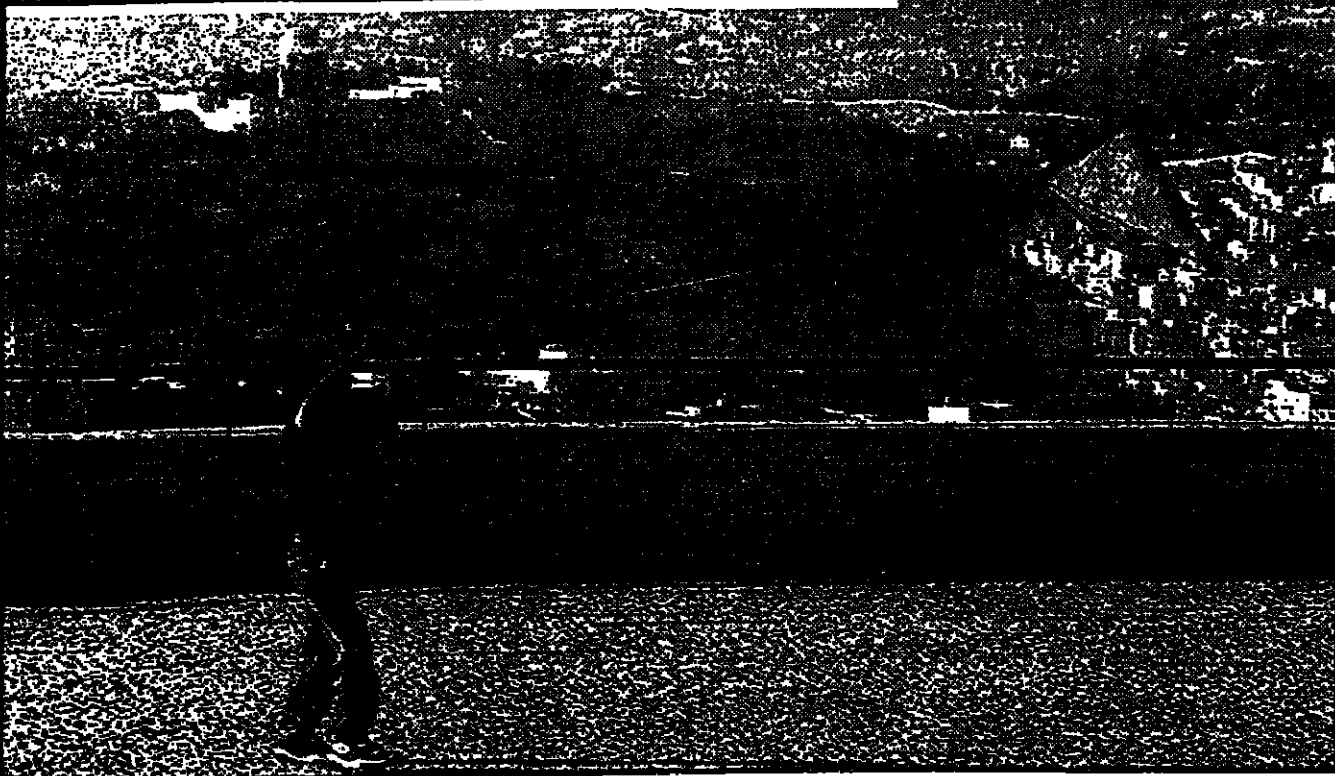
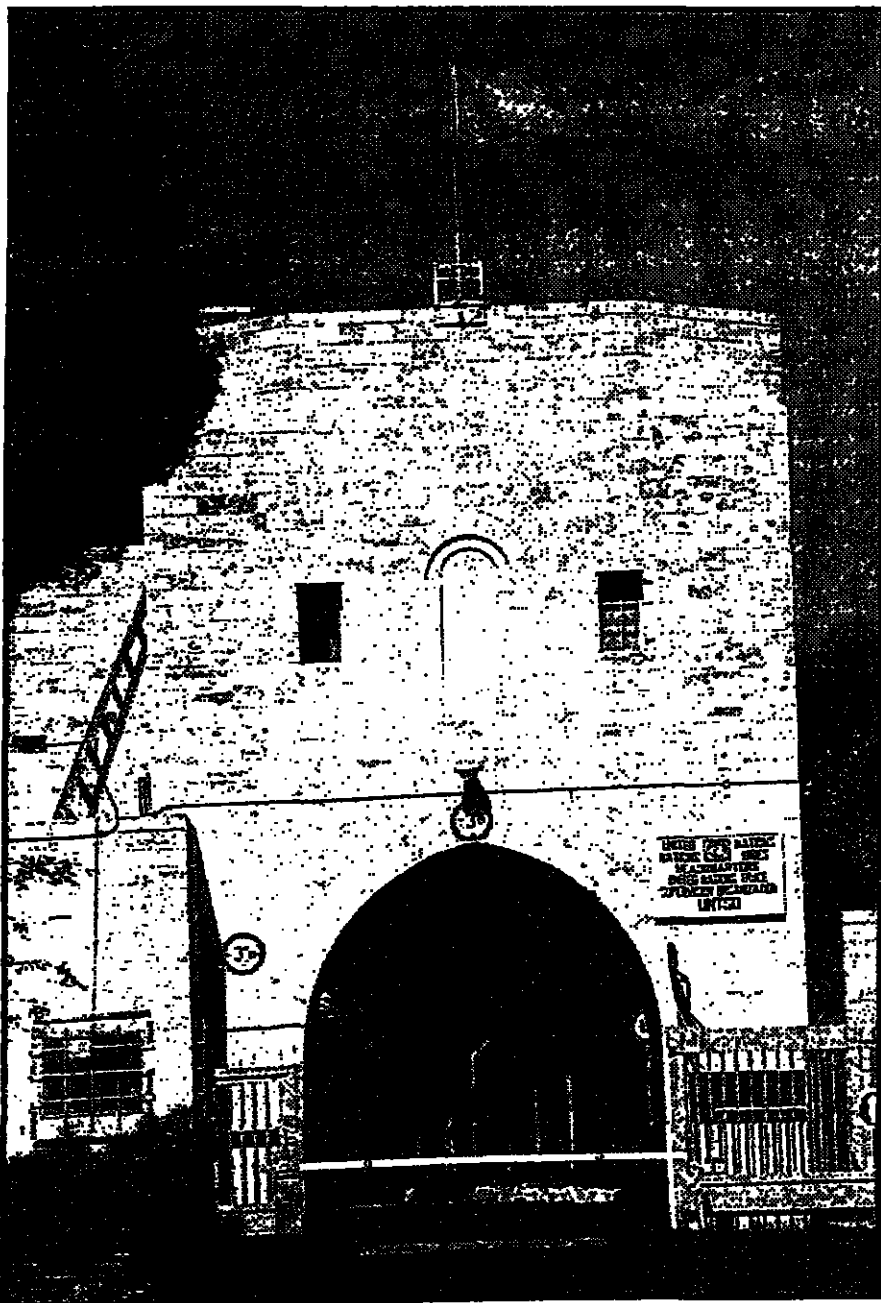


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Weekender Leisure

Soft, shadowless definitions before sundown: An army driver surveys the horizon.

(David Brauner)

On Camera

By David Brauner

Most photographers are compelled to pick up their cameras when they see something. It can be beautiful or ugly, different or common, or just something that composes a "picture."

But photography can also capture time. No, we are not talking about time as movement or velocity, which still photography usually represents as a blur. In action shots, the foreground (a fast-moving object) is blurred against a sharp background, or a streaked background seems to move against a sharp (panned) foreground subject.

The literal minded might be tempted to photograph the face of a clock or watch. For most people in the modern world, time only

exists in terms of arbitrary hours, minutes and seconds. We "clock in" and "clock out" of work. The news is on TV and radio "on the hour, every hour." Our year is fractured by "summer time" and our world is divided into "time zones."

But before there were clocks, there was the sun and the moon. Where the photographer is concerned, the moon's role as a source of time and light is rather minimal. The reflected light of a full moon is 600,000 times less brilliant than the sun. And although the phases of the moon are important time keepers in a lunar calendar and of considerable influence on the ocean tides, they are of little significance otherwise.

One rare exception is in Ansel Adams' famous landscape "Moonrise, Hernandez, New Mexico," where the moon proved a most useful time-keeper. According to Israeli photo historian Danny Kyrman, Adams could

not remember if he took the picture in 1941 or 1943. A US observatory performed calculations on the position of the moon in the frame and confirmed that Adams took his picture in 1941.

However, the sun, which author and photographer David Finn calls "the moving light in the sky," is our foremost natural source of light and time.

For one, it gives us the seasons. But, while photographing buds in spring or golden leaves in fall certainly tells the time of year, such images do not represent time itself.

It is primarily the daily cycle of dawn and dusk which best reflect the ever-changing nature of time.

At the beginning and end of the day the light changes quickly and dramatically. In the early morning and late evening, sunshine appears to be rich in red and orange rays. In truth, rather than the reds being stronger, it is the blue end of the spectrum that is weaker, filtered

out by the thicker atmosphere that the slanted rays must pass through.

Like Leonardo da Vinci, who favored working on his paintings at the end of the day, I prefer dusk to dawn as a subject of time photography. For one, the fading light with long shadows at day's end has a somber, moody quality that the brightening light of dawn does not possess.

Another reason is purely practical - I find it hard to get up before dawn.

The way to put time on film is both simple and subtle. For color workers, catching the red glow of twilight is the easiest way to picture time. By exposing for the sky, that is, essentially underexposing, the foreground or skyline will come out as a powerful black silhouette.

In black and white photography, time may be told in the nuances of long shadows just before the sun dips below the horizon. Shadows

will soften with each passing minute of dusk, until they become difficult to distinguish from the ground on which they fall.

Another stratagem to suggest time is called a "sunstar." Hide most of the sun behind a tree, rock or building so that its light "winks" at you. Stop the lens down to the smallest aperture possible, and the result will be a dark sky with a starburst effect.

Finally, take advantage of the last, dying light of the day - what the Scots call the "gloaming" - to take pictures that contain contrasting points of artificial light against a surrounding background of soft definition. Your photography questions and comments are welcome.

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Flair

By Greer Fay Cashman

discomfort of perspiration running in rivulets along her cranium, cack-

by the fingers and then patted into place.

Michel Mercier tends to put a little more body into the cut than does Maurice Farag, who is aiming for a more natural look, while wigmaker Rivka Zahavi prefers

suits her. Nowadays more and more women are wearing wigs for the sheer fashion fun of it.

Every woman who cares about good grooming should own at least one wig. It will save her a great deal of unnecessary aggravation on those days when she has an unexpected formal function to attend and just can't make it to a hairdresser.

Synthetic wigs are often easier to care for at home. A wig made of real hair is harder to manage and usually has to be given to a professional for recombining or restyling.

Most synthetic wigs can be washed with regular shampoo and hung out on the clothes line to dry. When they are shaken out and put on the head, they usually fall back into place and, at most, may require a little brushing.

ing her hair spray and deflating her elegant coiffure.

That's one of the reasons, if not the reason, that short hair in summer is usually a better idea.

A really good asymmetric cut - providing the hair is not too fine - does not even require setting. It can be towel-dried, gently fluffed

just a hint of artificiality - perhaps to ensure that those of her clients who are wearing wigs out of religious conviction should not look as if they came straight out of a beauty salon.

The idea is not to wonder whether a woman is or isn't wearing a wig but to see how well it

Michel Mercier tends to put more body into his cuts.



Maurice Farag aims for a natural look.



Bridge American trials - a long affair

By MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable

North (Shenkin)
♠ A 10 6
♥ A 10 8
♦ -
♣ K J 8 5 4 3 2

West East
♠ K 1 8 5 ♠ 7 4 3 2
♥ 9 5 ♥ Q 7 4 2
♦ K Q J 7 5 2 ♦ 10 9 4 3
♣ A ♣ 9

South (Lev)
♠ Q 9
♥ K J 6 3
♦ A 8 6
♣ Q 10 7 6

South West North East
1 ♠ 1 ♣ 6 ♣ (all pass)

Opening lead: ♠K

Fifteen teams entered the American team trials in May to choose one of two US representatives in the 1999 Bermuda Bowl (the World Team Championships). The trials, consisting of a round-robin followed by knock-out matches, lasted some two weeks at Sam's Town Hotel & Gambling Hall, in Tunica, Mississippi.

The two teams that reached the final round were both early favorites; they were captained by Nick Nickell and James Cayne, of New York. (The winner will be reported in next week's column.)

At first glance, it might seem strange that only 15 teams entered such an important event, but world championships of bridge are still like tennis was before big prize money came into the picture three decades ago: an "amateur" sport. The quote marks around amateur are there because many of the players in the trials were professionals in another sense - they were paid to play by their team's sponsor. (A bridge sponsor is usually a wealthy individual who loves to compete at bridge and can afford the luxury of hiring a team.)

The few nonprofessional teams in the trials consisted of excellent players who have the time and money to spend on bridge. There's no question that the addition of cash prizes in the world championships would make these events more popular.

One peculiar aspect of playing bridge for America (or Israel, for that matter) is that there are sprinklings of immigrants in the competition. For example, on one of the teams were Barnett Shenkin, who

immigrated to Florida from Glasgow, Scotland, earlier this year, partnered by Shmuel Lev, the ex-Israeli bridge champion.

TODAY'S DEAL features these two players in their match against a team captained by George Jacobs, of Chicago.

Shenkin, sitting North, heard his partner open one club and the next hand overcall one diamond. Shenkin did not fool around with any scientific bidding. He jumped directly to six clubs and that ended the auction.

At the other table, the North player holding Shenkin's cards took a slower approach, cuebidding three diamonds and subsequently using what he thought was a conventional call, which his partner misinterpreted, landing in seven clubs doubled, down two tricks. If Lev could make six clubs, it would mean a tremendous swing for his team.

West led the king of diamonds. Lev ruffed in dummy and led a trump to West's ace. West continued diamonds and Lev discarded a spade from dummy and won in his hand.

There were two problems to be solved. First, Lev had to locate the queen of hearts; he could finesse through either opponent. Second, he had to score four heart tricks, in order to discard a second spade from dummy.

There were two contradictory clues: (1) West had overcalled, so he was more likely to hold outside strength; such as the queen of hearts; (2) West was known to hold a long diamond suit, so he was likely to be shorter in hearts than East. If West held a doubleton heart and East held four of them, East was twice as likely, mathematically, to hold the queen.

There was also the problem of who held the nine of hearts. If East held, for example, the Q-9-7-4 of hearts, declarer could never score four heart tricks. Therefore, it might be better to finesse through West. This would work whenever West held doubleton or singleton queen.

After some thought, Lev made the winning decision. He led a heart to the ace and followed with the 10 from dummy. East played low, and when the 10 won, Lev finessed the jack and cashed the king, discarding a second spade from the North hand. Dummy was now high.

Making the slam was worth 18 tricks and helped his team to win the match. Unfortunately, they lost in the quarter finals to the Nickell team.

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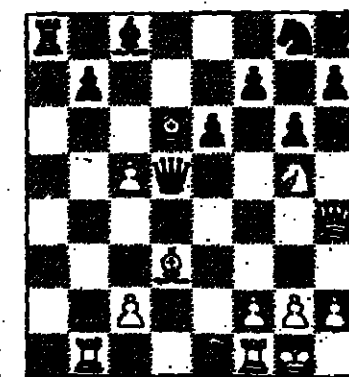
Chess

By NIGEL SHORT

In January 1975 the Soviet Grandmasters Alexander Belyavsky and Rafael Vaganian gave simultaneous exhibitions in London against the most promising English juniors. While Rafik had not the slightest difficulty in polishing off the second tier players (I, for one, was despatched with alacrity in under 20 moves), Belyavsky had to sweat and toil for his (rather fewer) points.

By the following year I had somehow been promoted to the "A" group to face the wily old Russian Viktor Korchnoi (he was no spring chicken even in those days). It was one of the first occasions that I met 12-year-old Julian Hodgson, who was already a famous junior with a very bright future predicted for him. Julian's chess career has had many ups and downs. The fact that he is constitutionally incapable of hard work has probably been the biggest impediment to his advancement. He is, however, an attacking player of sublime beauty when the position is to his taste. It is always a joy to show his finest games, such as this recent one from the German Bundesliga.

White: Hodgson



Black: Kupreichik

Bundesliga, 1998

1. d4 e6! Cunningly avoiding Jules' "Killer Tromp" with 2. Bg5. The only drawback is that one is obliged to play the French Defense should White so desire. 2. e4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 Ne7 5. Nf3 c5 6. dxc5? Reuben Fine used the same idea to defeat Mikhail Botvinnik at the AVRO tournament in 1938 but antidotes have been found subsequently. Off-hand though, I cannot remember them and I guess that was Kupreichik's problem during this game. 6... Nbc6 7. Bd3 44.

The most challenging. It was also possible simply to capture on c5 with reasonable prospects. 8. a3 Bx3 9. b4 Nxb4 10. axb4 Bxb4 11. 0-0 11... Bb5+ Nc6?!! (11... Bb7?) 12. Bxc6+ bxc6 13. Ra4! Bxc3+ 14. Bd2 f6 15. 0-0 led to White's advantage in the aforementioned game. However, Hodgson's handling is objectively better. 11... Bxc3 12. Rb1 Qe7 13. Ng5! Played with tremendous feeling for the initiative. White does not concern himself with details like defending pawns but concentrates on energizing his forces. 13... Qxe5 14. Qh5. g6. Weakening but 15. Qxf7 was an awkward threat to meet. 15... Qh6 Ng8. Undeveloping in order to expel the queen. 16. Qh4 Kf8. Black is all at sea. 17. Bf4 Qd5 17... Qxc5 18. Ne4 leads to an unstoppable initiative. 18... Bd6-Kg7.

19. Nx7!! Very elegant but sadly the mundane 19. Be4 Qa2-20. Bxb7 is at least as strong. 19... Kxf7 20. Qd8. With the deadly threat of mate in one. e5-21. Qf8+ Kx6 22. f4! e4 23. f5+! Black resigns. After 23... gxf5 24. Bc4! wins the house even if one fails to notice 24... Rxf5!! which leads to a forced mate in seven moves according to my computer.

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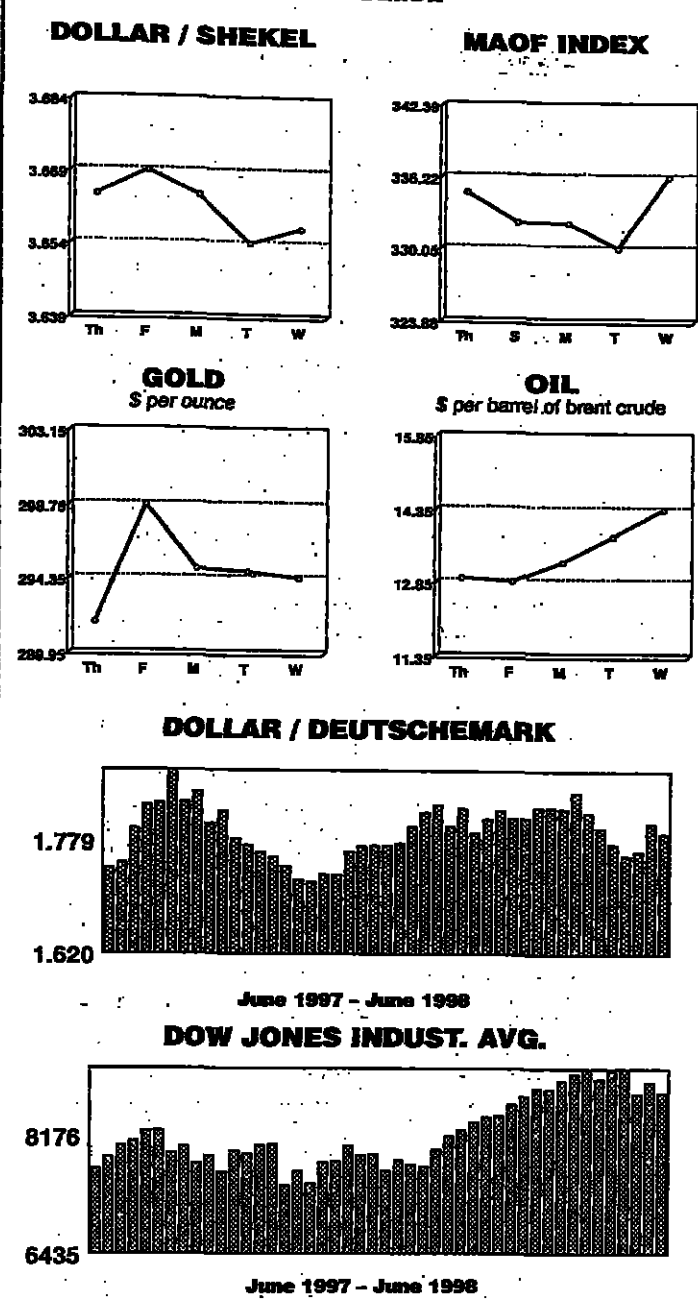
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MARKETS

in brief



Levyev considering Discount bid

Africa Israel controlling shareholder Lev Levyev said yesterday he is considering putting in a bid for control of Israel Discount Bank.

Levyev added that he has still not decided whether to bid privately or together with Africa Israel. At this stage, he said, he may form a consortium of Russian, foreign investors and Israeli to bid for the bank.

Asked whether he is the mysterious investor who recently acquired a 4.5 percent stake in Israel Discount Bank, Levyev said, "It isn't me, but I know the man."

Bidding for the controlling share in Israel Discount Bank is to open at the end of the month.

Globes

Off Tov buys Hod Lavan for NIS 18 million

Off Tov (She'an), has signed an agreement yesterday to purchase meat producer Hod Lavan Products for NIS 18 million. Koor Industries, which sold a 51 percent stake in Hod Lavan, said the deal is in line with the company's strategic plan of focusing on its core business while selling other holdings. The remaining 49% of the company were sold by Beit Herut Investment Corp. Off Tov is controlled by Tivall, a subsidiary of Osem Investments.

Dan Gerstenfeld

January - March import prices fall 0.3%

The overall costs of imported goods fell 0.3 percent in the first quarter, according to figures published yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

Among the key contributors was an 18.5% decline in oil prices. Trade imports, excluding diamonds and oil, fell 1.8%, a downward trend that has continued for two years.

The imported consumer goods index fell 4.4% in the first quarter, following a 1.4% rise during the previous three months. Within the index prices fell 5% for electronic goods, furniture, and transportation equipment, while food, clothing and footwear cost 3.5% less. Investment goods' import prices fell 2%, with raw materials, excluding diamonds and oil, down 0.8%. David Harris

Mercury included in S&P 600

Mercury Interactive Corp will be included in S&P smallCap index starting today, Standard & Poor's Financial Information Services said yesterday. Shares of the maker of automated testing products for software developers rose some 40 percent since the beginning of the year. In a separate announcement the Chicago Board Options Exchange said on Tuesday that it will begin trading options on Galileo Technology. Shares of the Karmel-based developer of digital semiconductor devices plunged by more than 65% since the beginning of the year.

Dan Gerstenfeld

In its first entry into cable industry

AT&T buys TCI for \$48b.

By KEVIN SHINKLE and COLLEEN McELROY

NEW YORK - AT&T Corp., the largest US long-distance telephone company, agreed to acquire Tele-Communications Inc. for \$48 billion in stock and debt to use the wires of the world's No. 2 cable company to provide local telephone and Internet services.

"AT&T is coming into the local marketplace with guns blazing," said Jeffrey Kagan, president of market researcher Kagan Telecom Associates.

AT&T will pay about \$50.71 a share for TCI's widely traded Class A stock, 31 percent more than Tuesday's price of \$38 1/16. AT&T will issue 0.7757 share for each TCI Class A share and 0.8533 for each Class B share.

AT&T also will assume \$16 billion in

debt. Separately, AT&T said second-quarter profit will exceed estimates of 80 cents to 82 cents by as much as 10 cents.

AT&T Chairman and Chief Executive C. Michael Armstrong's daring move would provide direct access to TCI's 10 million customers in the US, break the Baby Bells' stranglehold on the \$100 billion-a-year local phone market and boost its Internet business with high-speed cable hookups.

That's not without a cost: AT&T will need to pay at least \$2 billion to update TCI's aging cable lines to deliver the promised services.

"I'm really worried about AT&T funding the upgrade of those networks," said analyst Blake Bath at Lehman Brothers. "It's going to take a number of years to get these networks up to date."

TCI Chairman and Chief Executive John Malone will take a seat on AT&T's board, while President Leo Hindery will be president of a new division named Consumer Services, which includes the long-distance, local phone and cable businesses. Hindery will report to current AT&T President John Ziegler.

AT&T Consumer Services will trade as a tracking stock and have a large amount of public ownership, the companies said.

Consumers will get their cable TV, as well as the various phone and Internet services, under the AT&T name.

The acquisition is expected to be completed in the first half of 1999. Three years later, the companies expect to save \$2 billion annually from reduced customer service, billing and advertising expenses and as well as lower AT&T payments to the Baby Bells

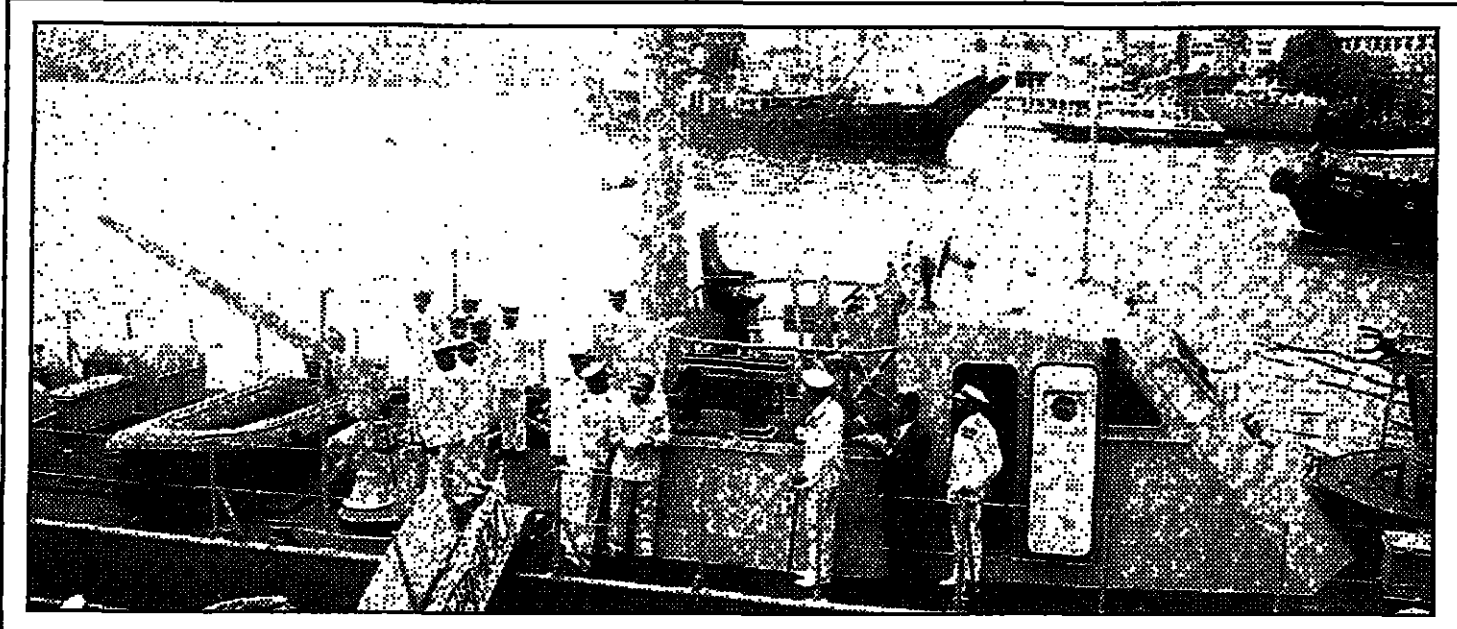
to complete its calls. The companies don't expect any "significant" job cuts.

With TCI, AT&T also gets cable Internet provider At Home Corp., whose largest shareholder is TCI.

The acquisition would be another huge endorsement of the use of cable lines to offer new services like Internet access.

Microsoft Corp., the largest maker of personal computer software, last year invested \$1 billion for a stake in Comcast, the third-largest US cable company, and has struck agreements to provide software for operations run by TCI and Time Warner.

Cable stocks have surged this year - TCI has more than doubled - amid expectations the industry is on the verge of big revenue and profit growth spurred by the new services. (Bloomberg)



India gets Super Dvora

India's newly acquired fast attack supercraft, the Super Dvora Mark II, is commissioned at Bombay's naval docks yesterday. The craft is the product of an Indo-Israeli defense deal.

(Reuters)

Elbit wins Venezuela contract

Elbit Systems Ltd. has won a \$21.6 million contract for the supply of command and control systems and the integration of weapons systems for the Venezuelan navy.

The Elbit contract was signed with Ingalls Shipbuilding, a division of Litton Industries based in Pascagoula, Miss., for the supply of subsystems as part of an upgrade of Venezuelan frigates currently being performed by Ingalls.

Under the contract, Elbit will be responsible for the overall integration of the combat system.

Steve Rodan

Goldman Sachs increases Hapoalim stake

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Investment house Goldman Sachs International has increased its holding in Bank Hapoalim by acquiring another 0.38 percent for some NIS 50 million, the Dankner family said yesterday.

The deal was announced less than one week after Goldman completed a purchase of 3.6% of

Israel's largest bank for \$130m. The shares were bought from the government and the Arison Group.

Goldman, the US' biggest and richest investment bank partnership, purchased the latest block from the Dankner family through a subsidiary of Israel Salt Industries.

The Dankners, who together with the Arison Group bought a

controlling share of Bank Hapoalim last year, will continue to own 11% of the bank.

The price paid by Goldman reflects a value of NIS 10.6 per share which is NIS 0.7 lower than the closing price of Hapoalim's stock on Tuesday. Goldman's interests in Bank Hapoalim are not limited to marketing the bank shares to its clients and Hapoalim

has already announced that Goldman will act as underwriter in the bank's public offering in Europe and the United States.

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Considering a career as a Kiwi?

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Tired of the stress of living in Israel? New Zealand is looking for immigrants, according to Euromart, the general sales agent for Air New Zealand.

Until now, in the absence of a New Zealand embassy, the company has aided travelers by issuing tourist visas. Now it intends to issue immigration visas and work permits as well.

Yoram Hirschler, director of Euromart, said that the New Zealand Embassy in London has informed him that the country's 1998 quota of 45,000 immigrants has not yet been filled.

In particular, the country is looking for experts in agriculture, physiotherapy, communications engineering, and computers, as well as electricians, plumbers, and auto mechanics.

Hirschler said he did not view the help in providing immigration visas as an unpatriotic act for an Israeli.

"There are people here without

work and without income, and if I can help them, I think I should," he said.

He added that in the past, the British Embassy had provided visa services for New Zealand, but since it had stopped, he felt the need to undertake this function.

Hirschler said that he views the facilitating of visas as part of the company's service to its passengers.

Hirschler also explained that while tourist visas could be issued within two days by sending passports by special messenger to London, the immigration visas or work permits involve a much longer and more complicated process.

Factors such as profession, age, family status, and knowledge of English are all taken into consideration, he said.

Hirschler added that he had been working to abolish the need for Israelis to acquire tourist visas for New Zealand and he hopes this can soon be accomplished.

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"The fundamentals are comfortable for investing here," the Capital Future Markets fund manager said, adding that Israeli

Asia

The weaker yen pushed most Asian currencies lower, raising concern about their economic

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Dollar down on concern US, Japan to buy yen

MacKinnon Ltd. "It can't afford a yen collapse because of the effects that would have, not only in Asia

US President Bill Clinton's visit to China and Hong Kong, which begins today, increases the pressure on the US to help stop the yen's slide, analysts said.

CURRENCIES

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intervention" that would try to cap the dollar at 140 yen, said Adam Cole, an economist at HSBC Markets. Still, he said, without any change in Japanese economic

Crude oil rises on speculation of OPEC cuts

Traders speculate OPEC's two biggest exporters, Saudi Arabia and Iran, are urging the group to

reduce purchases of dollar-priced metals such as gold. Weaker currencies in much of Asia, the world's biggest gold-consuming region, have made gold more

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Japanese yen (100)	2.5997	2.6325	2.54	2.67	2.6108
Dutch florin	1.7378	1.8167	1.75	1.85	1.7974
Swiss franc	2.4122	2.4512	2.37	2.49	2.4339
Swedish krona	0.4584	0.4668	0.45	0.48	0.4630
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Danish krone	0.5290	0.5376	0.51	0.55	0.5332
Finnish mark	0.6630	0.6737	0.65	0.69	0.6682
Canadian dollar	2.4650	2.5048	2.42	2.54	2.4863
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Indians rally for win over Cubs behind Fryman HR

CHICAGO (AP) — Travis Fryman tied the game with an eighth-inning home run as the Cleveland Indians rallied for a 5-4 victory over the Chicago Cubs on Tuesday.

After Fryman connected against loser Terry Adams (6-4), pinch hitter Mark Whiten doubled and scored on a single by Pat Borders, putting Cleveland in front.

It was the 12th homer of the year for Fryman, who also doubled home a run earlier. Jim Thome had three hits for the Indians.

Eric Plunk (3-1) pitched 1 1/3 innings of hitless relief for the win, Cleveland's third straight. The Cubs dropped their third in a row and finished a nine-game home stand 3-6.

Henry Rodriguez hit his second homer in as many games for the Cubs, but Sammy Sosa, one shy of the major league mark for most home runs in a month, went 0-for-5 and is homerless in two straight games.

Sosa, who has 30 homers, 17 of them in June, fled out to the wall in left, grounded out twice and popped up.

Astros 9, Twins 0
Shane Reynolds overcame a stomach ache to pitch seven shutout innings and Jeff Bagwell had three RBIs as host Houston beat Minnesota.

Reynolds suffered an attack of gastroenteritis, an inflamed stomach condition on Sunday night, and was originally scratched from the starting lineup.

But Reynolds (8-5) showed up in uniform to keep his regular start and allowed only one runner past first base — Marty Cordova's fourth inning double.

Reynolds retired 10 of the first 11 batters he faced and allowed only four hits and no walks with six strikeouts. C.J. Niekirk, who was expected to start in Reynolds' place, pitched the final two innings of the five-hitter.

The Astros gave him plenty of offense. Craig Biggio and Carl Everett had three hits and two RBIs each and Bagwell drove in three runs in Houston's 13-hit attack.

Braves 7, Yankees 2

Tom Glavine (10-3) pitched eight strong innings and Atlanta scored six runs off Orlando Hernandez as the Braves snapped New York's nine-game home winning streak.

Ryan Klesko went 3-for-4 and Ozzie Guillen doubled and scored three times as the Braves won the second of four games this

Braves break Yanks' 9-game home win streak

week between the teams with the best records in baseball.

Mariners 5, Padres 3

Jamie Moyer pitched eight shutout innings at San Diego before weakening in the ninth, and Ken Griffey Jr. hit his AL-leading

29th homer for Seattle. After Moyer (5-6) gave up a two-run double to Ken Caminiti with no outs in the ninth, Heathcliff Slocumb relieved and yielded an RBI double to Wally Joyner that made it 5-3.

But Slocumb got the final three outs for his second save.

Blue Jays 3, Expos 2

Chris Carpenter pitched eight strong innings and Toronto took advantage of sloppy Montreal fielding to win at the SkyDome.

Carpenter (4-2) won his third straight start, allowing one run and eight hits with five strikeouts and no walks.

The Expos committed two errors in the seventh, when the Blue Jays scored twice to take a 3-1 lead.

Devil Rays 6, Marlins 4

Paul Sorrento homered and doubled to drive in four runs as host Tampa Bay beat Florida for their first interleague victory over their in-state rival.

Albie Lopez (3-2) pitched 2 2/3 innings in relief of knuckleballer Dennis Springer to get the win. Roberto Hernandez pitched the ninth for his 16th save.

Phillies 3, Red Sox 2

Scott Rolen homered and Mark Portugal pitched his first complete game in two years as Philadelphia won at Boston.

Portugal (3-2) won for the first time in seven starts since May 14, allowing two runs and seven hits. He struck out seven and walked none.

White Sox 5, Pirates 4

Frank Thomas had two RBIs and Chicago won at Pittsburgh after building a 5-1 lead.

The Pirates scored three runs in the fourth to make it 5-4, but Mike Siroka (8-7) retired the next 13 batters and Matt Karchner pitched the ninth for his 10th save.

Rangers 16, Diamondbacks 5
One night after getting shut out

22, 1993, with Dave Johnson at the helm after taking over from Tony Perez, who was fired in his first season after only 44 games and a 20-24 record.

The Royals finished their road trip with a 7-2 mark, their best since they went 7-3 on a road trip in 1995. Kansas City has won nine of its last 12 games overall.

Pat Rapp (7-6) gave up eight hits and three runs in six innings to break out of a rut and win consecutive starts for the first time since May 7-13. Rapp had alternated wins and losses in his last seven decisions.

Brewers 7, Rockies 5
Bronswell Patrick was staked to a six-run, first-inning lead and held on for the victory in his first major league start as host Milwaukee beat Colorado.

Patrick (3-0), a 27-year-old rookie who was called up from the minors last month, gave up four earned runs on seven hits in 7 1/3 innings as the Brewers swept the two-game series in the Rockies' first trip ever to County Stadium.

All seven of his previous appearances had been in relief.

Patrick left to cheers after giving up a single to Todd Helton with one out in the eighth.

But the crowd booed reliever Doug Jones, who recently lost his closer's job, and was greeted by Vinny Castilla's 23rd homer, making it 7-5. It was Castilla's first home run in 73 at-bats, dating to June 3.

Jones has surrendered 11 homers in 46 1/3 innings. Bob Wickman pitched the ninth for his eighth save in nine chances.

Mets 6, Orioles 3
The Mets scored three runs off Arthur Rhodes in the seventh inning after a lengthy rain delay at Baltimore.

The game was halted by rain for 1 hour, 26 minutes in the middle of the sixth with Baltimore holding a 3-2 lead.

After John Hudek (1-4) pitched a scoreless sixth, the Mets came back against Rhodes on Bernard

Gilkey's two-run double and Burch Huskey's RBI single.

Angels 6, Dodgers 4

Cecil Fielder singled home two runs in the seventh inning as the Los Angeles bullpen blew a lead for the second straight night.

Dodgers starter Dave Mlicki, shaken up in a collision with teammate Wilton Guerrero in the fifth, left after six innings with the Dodgers leading 3-2. But the host Angels rallied in the seventh against relievers Will Brunson and Jim Bruske.

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Atlanta	51	26	.662	-
New York	40	32	.556	8 1/2
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Montreal	30	45	.400	20
Florida	25	51	.329	25 1/2

Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	47	29	.618	-
Chicago	42	34	.553	5
Milwaukee	38	34	.528	9
St. Louis	37	37	.500	10 1/2
Pittsburgh	37	40	.481	10 1/2
Cincinnati	30	48	.385	18

West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Diego	50	27	.649	-
San Francisco	46	32	.590	4 1/2
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Colorado	32	46	.410	16 1/2
Arizona	26	51	.338	24

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East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
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Baltimore	38	37	.506	16 1/2
Baltimore	37	40	.481	17 1/2
Tampa Bay	32	43	.427	21 1/2

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2 Germans under probe for attack on policeman

LILLE, France (AP) — Authorities fighting World Cup violence have placed two Germans under formal investigation, a step shy of charging them with beating a police officer into a coma in northern France.

The men have denied the allegations stemming from a clash after Sunday's Germany-Yugoslavia match in Lens, just southwest of Lille. Three others were given one-year jail terms.

Scores of fans and police officers have been injured in violence during the World Cup.

More than 250 people have been arrested; some have been sentenced to jail terms or deported. An English fan has been hospitalized in critical condition.

As a result, tighter security, alcohol restrictions and early bar closings have been planned for some matches, including Germany-Iran in Montpellier today and England-Colombia in Lens tomorrow.

The Germans placed under formal investigation Tuesday night were Markus Wamecke, 27, owner of a tattoo shop and body-piercing parlor in Hanover, and Steffen Karl Elschner, 26, a record salesman from Braunschweig.

Police also were questioning a 17-year-old Austrian they believe may have taken photos of the attack on the policeman and sold them to the German press, French radio reported yesterday.

Paraguay advance to 2nd round

Nigeria, France, Denmark also advance; Spain's 6-1 win not enough



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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
Group C: S. Africa 2, S. Arabia 2
Group D: France 2, Denmark 1
Group E: Paraguay 3, Nigeria 1
Group F: Spain 6, Bulgaria 1

TOULOUSE (Reuters)

Paraguay qualified for the second round of the World Cup yesterday after a fabulous 20-meter shot from striker Miguel Benitez set them on the way to a 3-1 win over Nigeria in the teams' final Group D game.

The Espanyol star took one touch to control the ball before snacking it into the back of the net via the underside of the bar in the 59th minute.

Celso Ayala had scored in the first minute for Paraguay and Jose Cardozo put the icing on the cake with an 86th-minute strike.

Paraguay now meet France in the second round on Sunday. The Nigerians, who had already won the group and will meet Denmark on Sunday, made seven changes to their side and paid the price by conceding the fastest goal in the tournament so far.

But they quickly equalized through Wilson Oruma in the 10th minute and dominated the match for long spells before Benitez and then Cardozo won the match for the Paraguayans.

Cardozo should have made the game safe in the 75th minute, but somehow managed to fire wide of an empty net after goalkeeper Peter Rufai had lost the ball just outside his area.

The win was just reward for the South Americans, who outthought the much more talented Nigerians to reach the next stage for only the second time in their history.

Paraguay knew they had to win to qualify and began in the best possible way when defender Ayala powerfully headed a free kick past Rufai in the very first minute as the defense stood and watched.

But the Nigerians simply stepped up a gear and deservedly equalized when Oruma escaped the Paraguayan defense to slide home a cross from five metres out.

The Africans continued to dominate in the first half and flamboyant Paraguay goalkeeper Jose Luis Chilavert was forced to make three saves in quick succession.

First he pushed aside a 20-meter shot from Sunday Oliseh and then parried a powerful Taribo West from the resulting corner. Minutes later he did very well to keep out a fierce 20-meter shot from Rashidi Yekini.

But Nigeria seemed to lose interest in the second half, putting more pressure on the defenders and Rufai, who made a fine save in the 51st minute from Hugo Brizuela.

Three minutes later Ben Iroha had to clear the ball off the Nigerian line.

Spain 6, Bulgaria 1

LENS — Spain thrashed Bulgaria in the biggest win of the World Cup, but it was all in vain as they still finished out of the tournament.

Paraguay's 3-1 victory over group winners Nigeria in Toulouse left the Spaniards ruling their earlier failures.

Fernando Hierro gave Spain the lead from the penalty spot in



Spain's Luis Enrique (front) battles Bulgaria's Daniel Borimirov for the ball during their match in Lens yesterday. (Reuters)

the sixth minute after Luis Enrique was brought down in the box.

Luis Enrique scored the second himself off a post in the 18th and Francisco Morientes made it 3-0 in the 53rd minute.

Four minutes later Emil Kostadinov got one back for Bulgaria, his team's first goal at the finals, but Morientes made it four nine minutes from time and Kiko grabbed two more just before the end.

France 2, Denmark 1

PARIS — Denmark lost to hosts France but still progressed into the last 16 as runners-up in group C on a day which saw five penalties converted.

South Africa, the only team who could have stopped them, drew 2-2 with Saudi Arabia in Bordeaux in a match which ended with both teams eliminated.

On Sunday, France will play Paraguay in the second round, while Denmark will meet Nigeria.

The Frenchmen finished on top of the group with maximum points, Emmanuel Petit firing their winner in Lyon through a forest of legs from the edge of the box after a corner in the 56th minute.

Youri Djorkaeff had given them the lead in the 13th with a penalty but Denmark levelled, again from the spot, through

Michael Laudrup in the 42nd.

It was the first goal conceded by the hosts so far in the tournament.

South Africa 2, Saudi Arabia 2 BORDEAUX — South Africa were knocked out of their first World Cup, despite snatching a draw with already eliminated Saudi Arabia thanks to an injury-time spot kick in a game of three penalties.

Coach Philippe Troussier was hard on his players, who had needed to win to have any chance of overtaking Denmark for the second last-16 place behind France.

He accused them of lacking team spirit and the will to win.

Shaun Bartlett raised South Africa hopes early on with a sweet left-foot drive from a tight angle in the 19th minute, latching on to a long ball from the deep.

But Sami Jaber made it 1-1 with a penalty on halftime, and the Saudis took the lead with 17 minutes to go when veteran captain Youssef Thinyan converted their second spot-kick.

South Africa salvaged some pride when they were awarded the third penalty of the game in the last minute for a foul on substitute Jerry Sikosana.

Bartlett took the kick to collect his second goal and square a match in which the Bafana Bafana dominated physically but could not quell the nimble Saudis.

Frenchman Troussier, who expelled two players from the squad during the tournament for sneaking out to a night-club, accused his side of self-destructing.

They go home with two points after an earlier 1-1 draw with Denmark.

The Danes lost 2-1 to France on Wednesday but beat Saudi Arabia 1-0.

"It's not a bad World Cup... [but] we expected more," said Troussier, who said he now planned to take a rest from soccer.

"I have never really felt we were in this project as a group. Without that will to win you don't get far in the World Cup," added the trainer known as the "white witchdoctor" for his track record in Africa.

South Africa, using their physical power to force past the lighter Saudis, had much the better of the first half.

Ajax Amsterdam's Benedict McCarthy, the scorer against the Danes, had several good chances stopped by Saudi goalkeeper Mohammed Dayea or blocked by a sometimes stretched but always determined Saudi defense marshalled by Abdullah Zubramawi.

Final Tables

Group C	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	3	3	0	0	9	1	9
Denmark	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
S. Africa	3	0	2	1	3	6	2
S. Arabia	3	0	1	2	2	7	1

Group D	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nigeria	3	2	0	1	5	6	6
Paraguay	3	1	2	0	3	1	5
Spain	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Bulgaria	3	0	1	2	1	7	1

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Israel: Plenty of sunshine and warm today. Highs 30-32 at the coast, 30-34 mountains and 35-42 elsewhere. Clear tonight.

EGYPT

Eilat 41/24

Beersheva 33/18

Jerusalem 30/14

Dead Sea 41/21

Tel Aviv 31/20

Netanya 31/19

Haifa 31/22

Tiberias 38/22

Katmon 37/26

Jerusalem 30/14

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